

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 13<sup>th</sup> MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2019. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

**Deputy Mayor, Councillor, John Coonan, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

**Apologies:** Mayor Martin Brett, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

**Also Present:**

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Bernadette Maloney, Environmental Awareness Officer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, 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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
Seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
And Resolved

“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 Deputy Mayor.**

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the following Projects/Events which he attended/will attend:

- Acknowledged the achievements of the Minor, Senior Hurlers and Senior Camogie teams in reaching their respective All Ireland finals.

- Congratulations to Mr. Simon Walton on his new role in Laois County Council and to welcome Mr. Ian Gardner as his replacement.
- Ras Na Ban in Kilkenny.
- Arts Festival in August.
- Forthcoming Savour Kilkenny Festival.
- Launch of the City Public Transport Service.
- Passing out parade of the 155<sup>th</sup> recruit platoon at St. Stephens's Barracks.
- Kilkenny's Medieval Marathon

The Deputy Mayor congratulated Mr .Phil Hogan on his recent appointment as EU Trade Commissioner.

Mr. Tim Butler gave a brief update on the City Task Force meeting that took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> August following a Notion of Motion. It was agreed at the meeting to contact a number of other towns who were already engaging in a similar process to get their views. It was also suggested that retailers and other business interests from Parliament St., High St., Kieran St. and John St. be invited on to the Task Force.

After contacted the other Towns it was clear that terms of reference for the Task Force should be drafted to define the vision, purpose, roles/ responsibilities and make-up of the group. It is the experience of other Local Authorities that the appointment to the Task Force needs to be wider membership than retail and other businesses and interests in the core should be invited to be members. Once membership has been agreed the Task Force will be put in place.

### **Approval for Twinning Trips;**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
 Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
 And Approved

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 And Approved

“Mayor travel to Formigine Italy – twined town, in September 2019”

### **Votes of Sympathy**

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

Lauren Short-Halligan, 35 Old Callan Road, Kilkenny.  
 Dr. Seamus Mac Suibhne, Powerstown Way, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.  
 Brother Seamus Damien Brennan, Edmund Rice House, Westcourt, Callan.

### **3. Nuashonrú ar an bPlean Bainistíochta Bruscair 2018 -2020**

## Update on the Litter Management Plan 2018 -2020.

Ms. Bernadette Moloney, Environment Awareness Officer, provided an update to Members on Kilkenny's Litter Management Plan 2018 -2020, adopted in January 2018. 37 actions were identified under the following headings: a) Litter Enforcement b) Education and Awareness c) Litter Prevention d) Street Cleaning. She provided an update on what had been achieved under the four headings and the plans going forward. She requested Members if they had any suggestions in relation to litter management to contact the Environment Section in County Hall.

Members thanked Ms. Moloney for her presentation and congratulated the Environment Section on their achievements in the area over the last ten years. They raised the following queries/questions/observations:

- Dog fouling solutions including specific dog trails/areas in the City, pairing up dispensers with bins, Audio posts, usage of CCTV, poo bags and running a competition to increase awareness.
- Dog licences and the enforcement of same.
- Water fountains in the City.
- Litter compactors.
- Tool libraries.
- Repair and fix workshops.
- Waste separation in Ballykeeffe and for Savour Kilkenny.
- Littering beside the river.
- Refill.ie .
- Possibility of a Warden for Linear Park.

Ms. Moloney and Mr. Butler responded to members. Ms Moloney provided information on the water fountains, the litter compactors, the tool libraries, waste separation and refill.ie. Mr. Butler confirmed that number of dog licences had fallen over the last 5 years. A report will be provided to Members at the next meeting. He explained that the Gardai are the data controllers of CCTV in the City and Kilkenny County Council would not have access to the data for civil matters such as dog fouling. Drinking and littering by the river should be reported to the Gardai as they have powers to issue fines under the alcohol bye-laws.

#### **4. Nuashonrú ar an LIAFH Scéim.** Update on LIHAF Scheme.

Mr Tim Butler gave a presentation on the progress of the LIHAF Scheme to Members.

Members thanked Mr. Butler for his presentation and raised the following queries /questions/observations:

- The position with regard to Compulsory Purchases
- Traffic Management.
- Central Access Scheme and the Ring Road.
- Possibility of flooding on Circular Road.
- Next phase of the scheme.
- Overhanging trees on the Ballycallan Road.
- Issues around the River Breagagh.

Mr. Butler responded to all the Members queries. He agreed to follow up in relation to the trees on the Ballycallan Road.

**5. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre.**  
Update on Road Projects

Mr Ian Gardner, City Engineer provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for September. Members raised the following queries in relation to roads:

- Junction at Seven Houses
- Traffic management report for Granges Road
- Speeding vehicles on Nuncio Road
- Nolan Park traffic issues
- Low cost safety measures
- Design of bus shelters

Mr. Butler responded to the Members. He agreed to follow up on the bus shelters and to provide members with the details of the Traffic Survey for the Granges Road. He will ask Road Design to look at Nuncio Road and confirmed that a meeting in relation to Nowlan Park traffic will take place in the coming weeks.

**6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dar dáta 21 Lúnasa, 2019.**  
**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

"The Kilkenny City MDC introduce a casual trading area for artists along the Mayors walk area of The Parade on monthly basis."

**7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Andrew McGuinness dar dáta 21 Lúnasa, 2019.**  
**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

"Following the continued success of the Arts Festival and the vibrant atmosphere created in public spaces in the city centre, I propose that this Municipal District would investigate the possibility of providing access to the Mayors Walk and/or similar public spaces, for local artists to display and sell their art as they did during the Arts Festival, for agreed times of year such as a weekend each month of the summer period and also during the Christmas period. This will enhance that public space, be a positive addition to the city centre while also providing a valuable platform for local artists to display and sell their art."

**8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan dar dáta 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**  
**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Malcolm Noonan received 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

"That Kilkenny Municipal District would within the existing parameters of the Casual Trading Bye Laws or if required by amendment of the bye laws, offer special event trading days to the Artists on the Parade. This motion recognises the cultural and economic benefit to the town of the visual artists who exhibit on the Mayor's (Gravel) walk during Kilkenny Arts Festival and the AKA Fringe Festival each year and to offer an opportunity to the artists to exhibit at other times of the year as prescribed by Kilkenny County Council."

A similar scheme exists for the 'People's Art' on St Stephen's Green and could provide a template from which this could be initiated in Kilkenny.

Members agreed to take the above 3 Notions of Motions together as they are dealing with the same issue. Cllr. Fitzgerald and Cllr Noonan explained that their motions arose from Artists requesting an opportunity to display and sell their art/craft work along the Mayor's Walk similar to what happens at St. Stephen's Green in Dublin. It would be another opportunity to showcase Kilkenny. In Dublin the Artists are mainly self-regulated and if the same approach was adopted in Kilkenny it could work very well.

Mr. Tim Butler and Ms. Anne Maria Walsh clarified that the existing casual trading bye-laws adopted by Member in 2014 allows for event trading on the Parade. Members were advised that any changes to the bye-laws would have to be drafted and placed on public display. The Members agreed that a trial could take place over Yulefest and if successful could be rolled out for other festival events e.g. Roots etc. It is envisaged that approximately 5 days a year would suffice. Ms. Walsh reminded Members that Artists/ Crafters will have to provide their own insurance cover similar to the Market Traders and obtain a trading licence for the area on the Parade which is specified in the bye-laws.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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