

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16th
OCTOBER, 2015 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone, Presiding.

Present:-

Councillors: Matt Doran, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Michael Doyle, Kathleen Funchion, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick McKee, Malcolm Noonan, Patrick O’Neill, Breda Gardner.

Also Present: Mr. Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Mr. Seamus Foley, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. David Kennedy.

Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 12th October, 2015, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 28th September, 2015 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

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

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

Matters Arising:

Naming of Roadway in Stoneyford

Cllr. Matt Doran enquired as to an update on the process of changing the name of Community Hall Road in Stoneyford to Merino Drive. In response Mr. Brian Tyrrell stated that it is proposed to deal with this item in conjunction with Cllr. David Kennedy’s Notice of Motion for the naming of the bridge in Thomastown at the November Monthly Meeting.

Rothe House Funding – Civic Trust

In response to question raised by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan regarding the possibility of funding from Civic Trust for future projects at Rothe House, Mr. Simon Walton advised that the Chief Executive has been engaging with the Civic Trust with a view to agreeing a plan for the forthcoming years and once details of this plan are available it will be brought before the Members.

Gold Star Project

Cllr. Patrick McKee enquired as to the commitment of Kilkenny County Council to the criteria set down in the Project. In response, Mr. Simon Walton advised that he has met with Mr. Paul Crilly, the Gold Star promoter, and the Council will facilitate the advancement of the Project.

2. Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

- (i) The Mayor congratulated all those involved in the organising of the following recent events:
 - Patrick Rafter Concert in Watergate.
 - Kilkenny Free Day.
 - LAMA Conference held on 9th and 10th October in Hotel Kilkenny.
 - Launch of the Lions Club Christmas Appeal which took place in City Hall on 15th October and all monies raised will go to local charities.
- (ii) The Mayor informed the Meeting that he attended the National Launch of the 1916 Commemorations Programme in Dublin. Commemoration events will commence on 1st January, 2016 and the Kilkenny County Programme will be rolled out shortly.
- (iii) The Mayor advised Members of a Candle Light Vigil at City Hall on 16th October, 2015, to show solidarity with the family of Dean Roche who has been missing since March this year.

Votes of Sympathy

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

The Victims of the Carrickmines Fire Tragedy.
Garda Anthony Golden, Blackrock, Co. Louth.
Mary Breen, 8, Dover Row, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny.
Mary Hehir, Beaupre, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.
Liam Nolan, 63, Maudlin Street, Kilkenny.
Michael Fitzpatrick, 9, Kickham Street, Kilkenny.
John Hogan, 40, The Sycamores, Kilkenny.
Joe Hennessy, Dunmore Road, Kilkenny.

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

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
And Agreed

“that the meeting be suspended by five minutes as a mark of respect to the victims of the Carrickmines Fire Tragedy and Garda Anthony Golden.”

3. Presentation by Representative of LARC.

Annette Chappell, LARC Representative, addressed the meeting and circulated an information pack on the Loughboy Area Resource Centre. Ms. Chappell explained how LARC came into being, the services provided at the centre, funding of the centre, plans/options for the future which includes finding a more permanent premises and in conclusion thanked the Mayor and Members for holding their meeting in the Resource Centre.

The Members commended Annette and her staff on the service provided by them to the community and agreed to support the Centre in any way possible as a Local Authority.

4. H.C.V. Management Plan.

Mr. Simon Walton referred to the report circulated to Members at the September Monthly Meeting following the public consultation phase of the H.C.V. Management Plan and went through the recommendations of the report. Members raised queries in relation to the following:

- Proposed 30KPH zone.
- Relocation of the Weighbridge at Gaol Road.
- Newpark Drive/John Street.
- Enforcement.
- Measures to compel H.C.V.s to use the Ring Road.
- Use of road signage.

Mr. Walton responded to the queries raised and explained that variations to the published map may be required following the public consultation phase of the Speed Limits Review. He stated that the purpose of putting the report before the Members at this time is to seek their agreement in principle to the various proposals contained in the Report and to facilitate the commencement of further statutory consultation processes.

The following specific measures were agreed;

- a) Extend 30 k.p.h. zone outwards (as per the draft proposals) following the statutory Public Consultation Period.
- b) Complete discussions with the T.I.I. regarding the relocation of the weighbridge from Gaol Road to a location convenient to Kilkenny Ring Road.
- c) Erect signage on the approaches to the Ring Road directing hauliers to use the Kilkenny Ring Road for the purpose of accessing the M8 Motorway and North Kilkenny.
- d) Commence process of excluding day-time deliveries in the central area and restrict H.C.V.'S in John Street and Rose Inn St.
- e) Introduce H.C.V. Ban on Newpark Drive, John St, Rose Inn St and Bateman Quay (from Dunne's Yard to John's Bridge), Woodbine Avenue, Vicar Street Gaol Road and Old Callan Road.
- f) Develop a Tourist Bus Route including measures for those wishing to visit the 'Smithwick Experience.'
- g) Re-consider previous proposals for the introduction of a refurbishment scheme for Kennyswell Road.

Over and above the measures agreed above, Elected Members also agreed that, in the period to June 2016 and prior to the opening of the Central Access Scheme, a detailed assessment be undertaken in respect of HCV movements in line with advancing one of two options for HCV movement post KCAS, those options being;

- a) The HCV Management Plan as presented.
- b) A HCV Management Plan to include for, over and above the approved measures a) to g), a HCV ban on the Granges Road (Dunningstown Road to Butts Roundabout) and Dean Street.

5. Minor Amendments to the Road Works Scheme

Mr. Simon Walton informed the Members that in order to complete the works at Oakwood, Kilfera, and to fund this completion it is proposed to do same by way of transferring monies not spent on drainage works on Callan Road and City and Environs road works schemes. The Members commended the work carried out in Kilfera to date and agreed to the proposal put before them.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Doyle received 9th September, 2015.

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
And resolved

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City would write to Iarnód Eireann and ask if they would widen the No. 429 Bridge at Coolmeen, Ballyhale, due to it restricting access and health and safety concerns.”

Mr. Simon Walton agreed to draft a letter to Iarnód Eireann.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 15th September, 2015.

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

“that the Council supports the implementation of a floating traffic warden in Thomastown. This in turn will support Businesses with ample car parking spaces for local shopping.”

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the motion would be deferred pending the implementation of interim measures.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 15th September, 2015.

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

“that the Council supports and ensures and maintains the beautiful heritage bridges of Ballyduff and Inistiogue whilst Irish Water carry out upgrading services on the Thomastown and Inistiogue Water supply scheme.”

It was agreed that this matter is being dealt with by way of a planning permission.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____