

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER, 2016 AT 2.00 P.M.**

**Mayor, Councillor Patrick O’Neill, Presiding.**

**Present:-**

**Councillors:** Matt Doran, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Malcolm Noonan, David Fitzgerald, Patrick McKee, Breda Gardner, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, Michael Doyle, and David Kennedy.

**Apologies: David Fitzgerald, Patrick O’Neill, Andrew McGuinness.**

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere  
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
And Resolved

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

**2. Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

The Mayor and Elected Members all welcomed the newly appointed Director of Services, Mr. Tim Butler, to Kilkenny County Council and wished him well in his new role.

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

- Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team Civic Reception.
- Kilkenny Senior and Intermediate Camogie Teams on their All Ireland success.
- Council Staff and Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Committee on Kilkenny's award as Ireland's Cleanest City in IBAL Litter League.
- Civic Reception Presentation Secondary School Choir and Choral Director, Veronica McCarron.
- Official Opening of Gaol Road Crescent Housing Scheme by Minister Simon Coveney.
- Civic Reception for Newfoundland Festival 2016.
- Kilkenny and The Somme Memorial Event organised by Kilkenny War Memorial Committee.
- Kells Vintage Fair.
- Inistioge Vintage Rally.

#### Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the family of Caitríona Lucas, Member of the Irish Coast Guard in Co. Limerick who tragically lost her life recently in the line of duty.

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

#### **3. Agree Date for Budget Meeting.**

It was agreed that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City Budget Meeting will be held on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, at 2.00 p.m. This meeting will be followed by the November monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City

#### **4. Presentation by Katherine Peacock, Public Participation Network Development Officer.**

Ms. Katherine Peacock gave a presentation to the Meeting on the Public Participation Network which included the structure of the Network, Linkage Groups and the Role of the Development Officer.

Members thanked Ms. Peacock for her presentation and raised queries in relation to the following:

- Election process.
- Links with other Community Groups.
- Use of local media to promote the Network.

Ms. Peacock responded to queries raised.

#### **5. Latest Results of IBAL Litter League.**

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh stated that this is good news story for Kilkenny and it is an interim report. Mr. Kavanagh agreed to circulate a copy of the report received from IBAL to all Members.

All Members commended Mr. Kavanagh and Council staff on the work being carried out on an ongoing basis to keep standards high in Kilkenny.

In response to a request from Members for an update on the situation at Thomastown Railway Station, Mr. Tyrrell advised that he has recently made contact with the Regional Manager and made arrangements for him to contact the Senior Executive Engineer, Shane Aylward, very shortly and Mr. Aylward will revert to the Members with an update.

#### **6. Proposed Refurbishment of Greensbridge, Kilkenny.**

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh gave an update on the current situation regarding the refurbishment of Greensbridge and works proposed going forward. He explained to the Members that he will present a further report to them in the second quarter of 2017.

Mr. Kavanagh responded to questions raised by Members in relation to the following:

- Use of materials.
- Timeline for the development of the project.
- Traffic Management Plan.
- Removal of H.G.V.s from Greensbridge.
- Consultation with the Heritage Council.

#### **7. Public Lighting Rural Areas – Agreement of Proposed Schemes.**

Mr. Shane Aylward circulated a report to the Members outlining the proposed public lighting schemes for rural areas and requesting Members approval to progress same.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran  
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle  
And resolved

“that work will proceed on current priority list and that the priority list will be reviewed annually.”

Mr. Aylward is to update the Members at the next meeting with costing details.

**8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016:**

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

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would erect ‘Resident Parking Only’ or appropriate signage on the entrance to Larchfield and St. Fiacre’s Place estates and where identified line mark road surfaces with double yellow lines in order to remove overflow parking in the estates from visitors to the City. This motion recognises that these estates are adversely affected by indiscriminate parking due to close proximity to Kilkenny Castle and that residents, pedestrians, parents with buggies and wheelchair users are particularly impacted by such activity. We, the Members, ask that a report be drafted giving consideration to a revision of parking bye laws to include other areas of the City and to explore options for ‘Park and Ride’ facilities that might be serviced by the City Bus Service.”

Following a discussion, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, stated that the Bye Laws are due for review and at this matter will be considered in the review process.

**9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016:**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
And resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council and the Parks Section of Kilkenny County Council would engage with the owners/operators of the multi storey car park at Ormonde Street, Ormonde Street traders and other partners to explore the feasibility of enhancing the car park building as a ‘living wall’. This would involve planting climbing plants at the base or in containers at various levels of the building and cladding the building in a wire frame. Over time it would enhance the appearance of the building, absorb vehicle emissions and particulates and add to the City’s Tidy Towns bid.”

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to make contact with the owners of the building regarding this motion.

**9. Any Other Business**

Broadband

Mr. Tim Butler informed the Members of an announcement by Minister Heather Humphreys regarding the national roll out of Broadband for all communities and Local Authorities have been tasked with a number of items in relation to this project.

Mr. Butler agreed to update the Members on this item in due course.

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

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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