

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 13 AIBREÁN, 2018.**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018.**

**Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee,

**Apologies:** Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill,

**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 and Ms. Teresa Mahon, A/Staff Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 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 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

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

- St Patrick's Day Parade, Thanks to Cllr. Joe Malone, Marion Flannery, all the Committee, and Grand Marshall Bobby Kerr for the very successful event.
- Official signing of twinning agreement with Formigine in Italy and welcomed Mayor Maria Costi to Kilkenny. Thanks extended to all involved.
- Launch of Kilkenny Macra Mr. Personality
- Lions Club Presentation night in Bollards. Cheques presented to different charities and community projects.
- 1<sup>st</sup> litter pick of the year in Inistioge for Entente Florale.
- Launch of the 21<sup>st</sup> Smithwick's Kilkenny Rhythm and Roots festival

### 3. **Vote of Sympathy**

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

Margaret Butler, Dominic Street, Kilkenny. (Mother of Tim and Mary Butler)  
 Geraldine Roche, 88 Hebron Park, Kilkenny.  
 Carmel Boyd, Castle Gardens, Kilkenny.  
 Peter Healy, 10 Circular Road, Kilkenny.  
 Eoin Doyle, Ballintee, Dunamaggin, Kilkenny.  
 Noel Walsh, 46 Assumption Place, Kilkenny.  
 Maura Devlin, 22 Larchfield, Kilkenny.  
 Pat Costello, 505 Nuncio Road, Kilkenny,  
 Christy Curran, 55 Ossory Park, Kilkenny,  
 Bridget Duffy, Lord Edward Street, Kilkenny.  
 Marie Delaney, Deerpark, Granges Rd, Kilkenny.  
 Gerry Rowe, 47 Connolly Street, Kilkenny.  
 Michael "Rocky" Rogan, St John's Place, Kilkenny.  
 Betty Baird, 23 Newpark Close, Kilkenny.

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcom Noonan  
 Seconded by: Cllr. Matt Doran  
 And resolved

"that the meeting be adjourned for a period of 5 minutes as a mark of respect".

Meeting resumed at 2.45pm

### 4. **Dáta le haghaidh Cruinniú Blaintúil Aontaigh** Fix Date for Annual Meeting

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone  
 Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
 And Agreed

"that the Municipal District Annual Meeting be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 5pm."

**5. Nuashonrú ar Fhorbairtí Tithíochta**  
Update on Housing Developments

Item deferred

**6. Coiste Stiúrtha na mBalláí Cathrach a Athbhunú**  
Re-establish City Walls Steering Committee.

Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, reminded members of the presentation made at the February meeting re the Talbot Tower and the re-establishment of the City Wall Steering Committee. The steering committee will consist of Senior Engineer, the Heritage Officer, a Rep from the Archaeology Society and 3- 4 Elected Members. It is hoped that the committee will get grant funding. Members were advised that the committee is not a statutory committee.

The following were proposed and seconded for the Committee.

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan: proposed by Cllr. Breda Gardner  
seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone

Cllr. David Kennedy: proposed by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell  
seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner

Cllr. David Fitzgerald: ( in his absence) proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle.

The Members requested a visit to Talbot Tower before its official opening which is proposed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Mr. Walton agreed to arrange a date with the Members.

**7. Bóithre**  
Roads

Queries were raised by Cllr. Peter Cleere, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Joe Malone in relation to the following:

- Funding for pot holes repairs after flooding and extreme weather.
- HGV traffic on Paulstown to Goresbridge road.
- City Traffic Management plan and roads closed to HGV's.
- Irish Water works on Patrick Street and schedule of future works.
- Road signage in Knocktopher.
- Footpath from Knocktopher to Ballyhale.
- Rate our Roads and the allocation of state money.

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

**8. Seoladh ón Leas-John Paul Phelan, an tAire Stáit um Rialtas Áitiúil agus Athchóiriú Toghcháin.**

Address by Deputy John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform at 4pm.

Cllr. Michael Doyle welcomed Deputy John Paul Phelan and congratulated him on his appointment as Minister of State for Local Government. He stated that his appointment is very important for Kilkenny City and County.

Deputy John Paul Phelan was welcomed and congratulated by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Matt Doran.

Issues raised by Members related to:

- Reinstatement of City Council
- Directly elected Major for Kilkenny.
- Boundary Commissions terms of reference and non splitting communities/parishes in electoral areas.
- Commercial rates
- Funding for roads
- Vacant site levy and farm land
- Stress and mental health well being of Councillors
- Remuneration for Councillors

Deputy John Paul thanked the Mayor. He acknowledged the unique history of Kilkenny City and County. He confirmed that the old Borough Council would not be reinstated. The legislation under 2014 Local Government Reform Act which dissolved Borough Councils in the Country is not going to be changed. He provided details on the upcoming New Local Government Bill and the Boundary Review:

- Report date on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in relation to Boundary Review
- 2 Different Committees set up with the Rural Group covering County Kilkenny.
- Confirmed that terms of reference for the review is for keeping communities/parishes together
- New powers to allow Councillors at MD's level to raise additional funds.

Mayor Michael Doyle had to leave the meeting for a short period and Cllr Andrew McGuinness took the Chair until he returned.

As the time was approaching 4.25 p.m. it was proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner and resolved "that Standing Orders be suspended to allow item 8 to be completed".

Deputy Phelan went on to address other issues raised:

- Advised that Minister Ross is responsible for Road funding but Deputy Phelan will Follow up on extra funding.
- Minister Harris will be making an announcement about the final phase of funding for MRI in St Luke's Hospital in the next few weeks.
- Welfare of Councillors
- Minister Pascal Donoghue and the Pay Commission will have a report on Councillor's remuneration before the end of the year.

Mayor Michael Doyle re took the chair and thanked Deputy Phelan for his attendance.

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

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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