

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 12 AIBREÁN 2019. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019.**

**Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle

**Apologies:**

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle  
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 Mayor.**

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

- Ballykeefe Amphitheatre Launch.
- Leader/French Delegation on Tourism.
- Book Launch of Billy Moore “ John Needs Pembro”.

- Shine Bright Foundation Launch.
- Oskars for Teac Tom.
- Congratulations to Dunamaggin and Ballyhale hurling clubs.
- Age Friendly Business Event.
- Ballykeefe Distillery Open Night.
- Watershed Special Olympics floorball .
- Ball Drop Scoil Mhuire, Gan Smál, Graiguenamanagh
- Reception for Lucy Dollard.
- Immigration Workshop.
- St Patrick's Day, presentation of certificates
- Kilkenny Roots Festival Launch.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

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

Liam Quigley (former Borough Member) Dean Cavanagh Place, Kilkenny.

Frank Gray (Former Senior Executive Engineer with Kilkenny Borough Council) Cuffesgrange, Kilkenny.

A minute silence was held for both.

Members congratulated Cllr. Malcolm Noonan on his work with Kilkenny Roots Festival.

### **3. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre agus ar bhóithre**

- a) Update on Road Projects
- b) Roads

Ms Emir Slattery provided an update on road projects in City East & West (rural) including details on

- Overlays completed in March 2019, Thomastown, Graiguenamanagh and Callan Area's
- Programme of works planned for April 2019, Mais Cross and Oldcourt in Graiguenamanagh, Kilcurl Knocktopher and Wollengrange, Bennettsbridge.
- Update on the Kings River Project – Callan, including the report on the desktop study for the underwater archaeology and the site investigation which commenced on the 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- Traffic Mobility Management Plan – Thomastown, including the awarding of the tender to carry out the plan, the timelines involved and the public consultation process
- Update on Thomastown Culvert, including confirmation from Contactor that any delay in time will be recovered and project will finish on time

All the Members thanked Ms. Slattery for the update and the great work that were been carried out. They raised the following questions/issues

- Footpath in Ballyhale

- Drainage problems on the Oldcourt Road in Graiguenamanagh.
- Finishing off kerbing etc. on Station Road Bennettsbridge.
- Works on Circular Road & N76 in relation to landscaping and removal of Hedgerow.
- Possibility of bollards to address people parking on the footpath near the Circle K on Waterford Road.
- Update on Car Parking Strategy and Mobility Management Plan.
- Footpath on the Dublin Rd to Soccer Club in Thomastown.
- Possibility of notifying Members when emergency works have to be carried out.
- Street cleaning in Thomastown and the possibility of providing hanging baskets.
- Pot holes in Dean's Court, Cuffesgrange and Viper Road towards Blackstone Bridge
- Progress regarding Junction at Westcourt in Callan.
- Dog fouling in City.
- Alignment of Bennettsbridge Road from the roundabout to Kilfera.
- Driver feedback signs in Ballyhale.
- Sewerage issues in Ballyhale.
- Community benefit project and signage for around the River Breagh, the folly and bridge.
- Footpaths in Sycamore Drive.
- Possibility of publishing a book about William Robertson after the naming of the William Robertson way
- Layout of viewing area on the Thomastown to Graiguenamanagh Road and safety concerns.

Mr. Tim Butler, Ms Emir Slattery and Mr. Simon Walton responded to Members. Ms. Slattery confirmed that she was aware of the draining issue on Oldcourt Road and was in discussions with the residents. The snag list on Station Road was at present being compiled and there could be scope for some of the low cost safety works mentioned by members in Quarter 4 e.g. potholes. The junction at Westcourt Callan will need to be looked at by Road Design and there could be a possibility of funding under the low cost safety works scheme in 2020. For Thomastown she clarified the street cleaning arrangements, the situation regarding the hanging baskets and the plans for the footpath on the Dublin Rd.

Mr. Butler confirmed that care had been taken in relation to the landscape around the N76 and now the works are nearly complete (No nests were found). He explained the circumstances around the emergency works in Thomastown and the normal procedures that are in place. He provided details on accessing cultural/amenity grants. He confirmed that Road Design will be contacted regarding the feedback signs in Ballyhale but the sewerage issue raised was in relation to a private connection. Brookfield will be unable to connect to the main sewerage system until the treatment plant is upgraded.

Mr Walton stated that it would be September before the car parking strategy and mobility plan will be back before them. He agreed to look at the footpath around Circle K and explained about heritage programme around the River Breagh. He advised that it would be unlikely that a road realignment on the Bennettsbridge Road would take place over the next 5 years but safety measures could be introduced.

Mr. Walton provided an update on upcoming roadworks and closures in City East & West (Urban) including:

- Streets of Kilkenny 5k
- Medieval Mile footpath refurbishment works
- Roadworks schemes for resurfacing works in Bridgeview Gardens, Broguemakers Hill and Springfield
- Traffic calming measures in Bishop Birch Place, Lacken Drive and Glendine Heights
- Funding of €250,000 approved for commencement of engineering works to facilitate the introduction of bus stops etc.
- The installation of CCTV around War Memorial and confirmation that Garda Station will monitor CCTV.
- ESB works around John's Green and Wolfe Tone Street
- Irish Water Works in St Canice's Place, Dean Street and Butts Green. New and replacement water and sewerage mains at Blackmill Street, James Street and John's Green.

All the Members thanked Mr. Walton for the update and the great works that were being carried out. They raised the following questions/issues

- Setting aside more money in the future for speed ramps/traffic calming measures
- Moving recycling bins in Fairview, Graiguenamanagh
- Disappointment regarding the type of buses being used in the new city service
- Possibility of bus shelters at the bus stops Henebry's Cross, Ormonde Road and in Ballyhale.

The Mayor vacated the chair and was replaced by Cllr Andrew McGuinness.

Mr. Tim Butler, Ms Emir Slattery and Mr. Simon Walton responded to Members. Mr. Walton explained the process involved in providing speed ramps/ traffic calming measures. He pointed out that there is always limited funding but the Council will continue to provide as many as possible. He clarified that the buses for the new bus service are being provided under the NTA Framework. In 2018 they procured the buses that will be used and Kilkenny County Council had no input in the process. The procurement process now is for the appointment of a service provider. If the Council has any say in the provision of buses in the future, alternative types of vehicles will be considered. He went on to explain that the funding of €250,000 is not just for bus shelters but for terminals, kerb lines road markings etc. Funding for bus shelters at Henebry's Cross and Ormonde Road is not listed in 2019 budget but will be considered in the 2020 budget. Mr. Butler verified that he would ask the Environment Section to examine the recycling bins in Graiguenamanagh.

**4. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dáta 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019.  
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019.**

It was:

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

" That the members of Kilkenny MDC agree to a non-statutory voluntary ban on the use of all vehicles including commercial vehicles from displaying election posters, candidate's images and marketing material from all public car parks, on street parking and commercial loading bays in Kilkenny City during the statutory election period."

Cllr. David Fitzgerald explained that before the last election Councillors had voluntary agreed that they would not display posters in the City Centre. He was now looking for a similar voluntary agreement in relation to the vehicles displaying councillors' images/messages in public car parks, on street parking and commercial loading bays.

A discussion took place after which Cllr. Fitzgerald agreed to remove the reference to public car parks and on street parking in his motion. Members agreed that it would be up to individuals to decide if they would comply with the voluntary ban.

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked for the motion to put on social media for people who are not present at the meeting.

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

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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