

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 14th Eanáir 2022. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 14TH JANUARY 2022 VIA TEAMS.

Mayor, Councillor, Andrew McGuinness, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr. Martin Brett

Apologies:

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 7th January 2022, 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 10th December 2021, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett
And Resolved

“That the minutes in relation to Item 5 be corrected as follows and are hereby adopted”.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
And Agreed

“ To hold a special meeting on 7th January 2022 at 2.30pm to further discuss this SHD Application ”

2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara
Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

And Agreed by all

“ To put in place plans to upgrade and protect Kenny’s Well and other historical wells in the City”

Members made contributions to the discussion regarding Kenny’s Well, other historical wells, and on their upkeep and maintenance. Cllr. John Coonan advised he had previously raised a notice of motion in relation to Kenny’s Well. He asked that Dearbhala Ledwidge attend the next MD meeting to update the Members on progress regarding the Well and the grant from the Heritage Council.

Mr. Gardner explained that Kenny’s Well is a protected structure and discussions with the Heritage Council are ongoing. He is preparing a Management Plan for the area. He is in discussion with the Probation Services around community services getting involved in the upkeep and maintenance of historical wells and other amenity areas in the City. He will provide an update for the February meeting.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr Maria Dollard

“ To make parking on John’s Quay residential only”

Members discussed the issue of residential parking on John’s Quay and in other parts of the City. Mr Butler advised that any changes to Parking Regulations need to be considered under the Street Parking Review. Mr. Gardner explained that car parking in the City is limited and needs to be given a lot of consideration. Matters such as removing the 15 minute set down time and increasing car parking charges need to be examined.

The Mayor:

- Requested repairs to the footpaths at Dean Cavanagh Place and the Circular Road.
- Asked the Members to promote and share video released by Ebony Masuku which encourages people to think in a positive way.
- Complimented Kilkenny County Council Staff for the Christmas decorations and lighting around the City. In particular he thanked 2 members of staff who have retired Jimmy Dunne and Fred Morton. He also thanked John Byrne for his work on the Parade. A discussion followed on the lighting up of the Parade, the bandstand, the utilisation of the Parade and Christmas lighting around the City. It was agreed that these items would be put on agenda of a future meeting for further consideration. Mr. Butler reminded Members that Marian Flannery was giving a presentation on Yulefest at the Plenary Meeting on Monday. He suggested asking the City Task Force for their input on the Parade and lighting. Lighting is very expensive and businesses will have to contribute towards the upgrading of festive lighting. The success of the bandstand was only made possible through funding from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media. Further funding would have to be sought to put the bandstand in place for other festivals throughout the year.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Jerry Dunne, Greenview Avenue, Gowran, Kilkenny.

Lucy Doyle, O'Loughlin Court, Kilkenny.

Ann Gibbons, Kilree House, Kilkenny. (Aunt of Cllr David Fitzgerald)

Bernadette Egan, Dublin Road, Kilkenny.(Aunt of Anne Maria Walsh)

John Joyce, Ossory Park, Kilkenny.

Ashling Murphy, Cully, Bluebell, Offaly.

A minute's silence was observed.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness invited the Members and the public to join with the Lady Desart Choir on Sunday to show support to Ashling Murphy's Family and make a stance against violence towards women.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Maria Dollard

Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

“ that an online book of condolences be opened for Ashling Murphy”.

**3. Ag Cúram (TIC) Nuashonrú
Taking in Charge (TIC) Update**

Item was postponed

**4. N-Boithre – Nuashonrú
Roads update**

Update on Road Projects

The Mayor asked Members to email Mr. Gardner if they had any queries on roads in the City.

Parking Options - Irishtown

Mr Gardner gave the Members a presentation on parking options amendments to offset the closure of the Watergate Car Park. 14-15 car parking spaces were lost when the Watergate Car Park was closed to facilitate the construction of the new library but amending charges from medium stay to short stay for on-street parking in Irishtown and Dean Street will increase turnover of spaces. Amending charges in Dean Street Car Park from long stay to medium will also increase the turnover of spaces. An additional 10 short stay spaces and 1 accessible space are proposed for the Watergate Urban Park. Making these changes along with converting the loading bay in Irishtown to pay and display after 11am will increase the availability of car parking spaces near the closed Watergate Car Park. He asked the Members to consider these proposals and revert back for the February Meeting.

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner for his presentation and raised the following:

- The use of the Abbey Quarter Car Park for the general public at night time and the weekends.
- On-street car parking and 15 minute set down.
- Replacement of accessible car parking space taken from Mayfair.
- Provision of park and ride facilities at the outskirts of the City and expanding the bus service.
- Set down facilities for wheelchair carriers.

Mr. Gardner confirmed that the accessible car parking space removed from the Mayfair will be reinstated once works on the street are completed. He also reminded Member that car parking spaces will be provided in the Watergate Urban Park. He asked the Members to keep an open mind in relation to the proposals and towards the Street Parking Review.

5. Aon Ghnó Eile/Any Other Business

Cllr. Martin Brett requested an update on his notion of motion regarding a pedestrian crossing on the Bohernatounish Road and Dublin Road. Mr. Butler advised that under Active Travel Consultants have been appointed to look at making the areas safer for pedestrians and car users. The report should be completed by midyear.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness asked if a survey could be carried out and a proposal put together on park benches beside the river and canal. The idea is to put small badges/plaques on the benches which would give a number for the Samaritans or Teac Tom. The initiative could be promoted by the local Newspapers and Radio and financed by local businesses or interested parties.

Mr. Butler advised the meeting that 2 Members need to be appointed to attend the TII meeting. Members agreed to revert with names for the February meeting.

The Mayor thanked all for attending.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____