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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 15th January, 2018, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor David Gilroy**, presided.

Councillors Present: Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, Johnny Guirke, Bryan Reilly, Sarah Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th December, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th December, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:



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- Peter O'Halloran, Drumconrath GAA on being appointed Chair of the Meath County Board.

4 To meet with Meath Partnership to receive a presentation on the SICAP Programme.

Michael Ludlow and Jennifer Nolan, Meath Partnership attended the meeting and delivered a presentation to the meeting, which included information on the background to Meath Partnership, areas of work, the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2018-2022, the structure of the programme and principal goals, the 2018 action plan and targeting of SICAP in north Meath.

Queries were raised in respect of the complexity of the application process, the extent of disadvantage in north Meath, the level of funding allocated to the programme in Meath compared to other counties and the need to ensure access to programmes by all in need of support with responses provided.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Jennifer and Michael for their comprehensive presentation.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Kells Municipal District.

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by Councillors included commending the outdoor staff for their work over the Christmas period and the number of potholes on roads in the Drumconrath areas – it was pointed out that this was inevitable at this time year due to the weather conditions and competing work demands.

It was confirmed that the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works would be brought to the February meeting.

5.2 Corporate Services



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- 5.2.1 To discuss proposals to be considered by the Protocol Committee in relation to the allocation of the 2018 Twinning budget.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services confirmed that of the €30,000 2018 allocation for Town Twinning, €15,000 was being allocated for a trip to Cary, with a balance of €15,000 for the six municipal districts. Whilst all proposals will be brought to the Protocol Committee for approval, no proposal had yet been received from Kells Municipal District.

It was agreed that the possibility of re-establishing the links with Iona and Derry would be examined and a letter inviting representatives to attend the opening of the Heritage Centre would be issued. A proposal reflecting this would be put to the Protocol Committee for approval. It was also suggested that Councillors would work on securing community involvement in any such initiative.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 15th December, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business



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10.1 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Proposed that the six Meath TDs be invited to meet with Kells Municipal District Councillors at 3pm on Monday 19th February in Kells Civic Offices to discuss issues affecting Meath and in particular funding allocations across a variety of headings. This was seconded by Councillor Seán Drew and it was agreed that Councillors would meet at 2pm on that day to prepare for this meeting.

10.2 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

10.2.1 That Irish Water be requested to ensure that all roads affected by planned upgrades in Kells Municipal District be fully reinstated.

10.2.2 Referred to the recently announced funding for historic towns and asked that an application be made for Kells.

10.2.3 Requested that a letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills expressing the concerns of Councillors around the completion of Eureka school, the payment of suppliers and the resolution of the contract for the canteen and maintenance of the school grounds following the liquidation of Corillion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach