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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 26th March, 2018, Kells Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Eugene Cassidy and 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 19th February, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th February, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.



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4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The number of potholes on roads in north Meath, particularly following the recent severe weather, and the impact on people accessing their homes and services. Calls were made for additional central funding to address the situation. – The impact of the recent weather on the road network was conceded and it was confirmed that, nationally, funding was to be made available to enable the recoupment of expenditure although it may not cover the full cost of works. It was pointed out that, once the weather improves, the programme of works can commence and improvements should be visible. It was agreed that a letter would issue to the six TDs requesting an update on the meeting held in February.
- Tributes were paid to the outdoor staff who had done tremendous work on clearing roads and footpaths quickly during the bad weather.
- The criteria that applies to accessing local assistance, including contractors and farmers, for similar weather events – the criteria was outlined and it was pointed out that this was being reviewed by the Transportation SPC.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.

- Tobar Ban, Kells



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This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew**.

- Cluain Loinn, Oldcastle

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

4.3 Corporate Services

- 4.3.1 To receive a proposal for a civic reception for the relatives of German internees, to mark the closing of the prison camp in Oldcastle.

Ciarán Mangan, County Librarian provided a background to the proposed events to mark the closing of the prison camp in Oldcastle and referred to the events that had taken place in 2014 to mark the arrival of the German internees. The proposal includes a publication outlining the history of the camp and a civic reception for relatives of the internees.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Ciarán for his presentation and fully endorsed the proposal as outlined.

- 4.3.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Kells Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Correspondence



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There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

8.1.1 The dumping of tyres at Loughbracken and Ballyhoe Lake, the former being a water source – it was pointed out that resources in dealing with illegal dumping had significantly increased but so too had the level of dumping. It was suggested that signage be erected in areas that are prone to dumping, providing a contact telephone number to report it.

8.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Requested an update on the illegal halting site at Kilkeela, Athboy – it was agreed to refer this to Planning.

8.2.2 Congratulated all involved in securing funding for Kells under the Historic Towns fund and acknowledged the other funding secured for the town.

8.3 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

8.3.1 Requested that the sign at the mountain top viewing point into Oldcastle be updated with information on roads, tourist attractions, etc.

8.3.2 Requested an update on the shed opposite the playground in Oldcastle – it was confirmed that a notice had been issued under the Dangerous Structures Act and works had been carried out. Any anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Gardaí. It was also agreed to refer this to Environment to see if anything could be done under the Derelict Sites Act.

8.4 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

8.4.1 The possibility of erecting additional warning signage and cutting the grass verges at Lynch's Cross approaching the N52 where a number of incidents had recently occurred.



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- 8.4.2 The need to review the bus parking spaces at the Heritage Centre and the possibility of conditioning any development at Eureka to include additional public car and coach parking – it was confirmed that the existing spaces are to be reviewed alongside possible future available space.
- 8.4.3 Requested an update on the Kells Kick Start Initiative – it was agreed to refer this to the Heritage Officer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach