



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Kells Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 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:**

**Senior Executive Officer:** Dara McGowan

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Apologies:** Kevin Stewart, Director of Service

### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 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 from the minutes.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Pat McCabe, Foreman, Kells Municipal District and family on the death of his father, Paddy McCabe;
- The family of the late Paddy O'Higgins, Kilskyre.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- The use of extra road crews – it was confirmed that two extra contractors had been taken on and had undertaken works in the Oldcastle and Nobber areas with further works to be undertaken in Oldcastle and Kells areas.
- Pothole repairs on lanes – it was confirmed that main roads were being prioritised but that an application for additional funding was being made for damage resulting from the bad weather and that if this funding was secured, another contractor would be taken on for pothole repair.
- Poor road conditions in locations such as between Drumconrath and Kingscourt – the works planned, subject to funding, were outlined.
- Potholes from the Railway Bar out the Rockfield Road and the need to ensure that damage to roads within the town were also included – it was pointed out that the watermain rehabilitation works would be carried out on this road but that potholes would be filled as required.

#### **4.2 Community**

- 4.2.1 To receive details of the proposed Part VIII Planning process for the installation



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of lighting along the walkway in the threshing field in Moynalty, and, if thought fit, to resolve to commence the Part VIII Planning Process for the proposed works.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Section outlined the project, which was due to be undertaken in September/October. The public consultation is due to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> May until 30<sup>th</sup> May, following which submissions can be made by 5<sup>th</sup> June. It is expected that the Chief Executive's report, with submissions and recommendations, would be brought to the July municipal district meeting.

The information was noted.

- 4.2.2 To receive a presentation on the current LEADER programme & updates to the scheme.

Michael Ludlow, CEO and Colin Ludlow, Senior Project Officer, Meath Partnership delivered a presentation on the LEADER 2020 programme, including an overview of the programme, the thematic framework 2014-2020, eligible project areas, ineligible activities, available grant rates, benefits of changes to programme delivery, progress 2017 – 2018 including progression of applications in 2018 and applications approved 2017 – 2018.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The capacity of the programme to accept more applications – it was confirmed that the programme was not over-subscribed and applications should still be made.
- The amount allocated to date – it was highlighted that 62% of the amount available had been awarded and would be paid out as projects progress.
- Funding available for disadvantaged groups – the available funding was outlined.
- The deadline for the receipt of applications – it was pointed out that the programme was fully open to applications on a rolling basis.



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- Advice available on the eligibility of applications prior to their submission – it was confirmed that a proposition can be assessed for eligibility and a project assessed to see if an element of it would be eligible.
- The co-funding of projects – it was conceded that, whilst these can be more complex, they can be managed and would be suitable for larger community projects. It was pointed out also that the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, e.g., can also be used to fund a project once the schemes are not funding the same element.
- Additional funding allocation – it was agreed that this may happen but only if the programme is being delivered.
- The capacity of groups to fulfil procurement requirements – it was pointed out a case was being made for greater flexibility, e.g. with regard to festivals, and that whilst Meath Partnership cannot provide such expertise any longer, there were companies available that could assist at nominal cost.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Michael and Colin for their presentation and for the information provided.

### **4.3 Corporate Services**

- 4.3.1 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.



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### **7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes**

- 7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from HSE in response to the Notice of Item 9.4.2 from June meeting re cluster in Fr. McCullen Park.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that a response would issue to the HSE requesting that they gather the information referred to in their letter as this information should be available to them.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Mr. Shane Cassells, T.D. in response to the Notice of Item 4.1.1 from March meeting re update on the matters discussed at the meeting held on 19th February.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

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

9.1.2 Requested an update on the derelict property on Main Street, Athboy opposite the hotel.

9.1.3 Suggested that the twinning connection with Iona be formally re-established before the summer and confirmed that an allocation of €2,500 was available, possibly for a trip to Iona for 2 or 3 nights. It was agreed that local links be pursued and contact made with representatives in Iona to ascertain their interest.



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9.2 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

- 9.2.1 Requested an update on the plans for the Community House, Carrick Street, for which an allocation had been made in the capital programme and the need to make it available for community groups.
- 9.2.2 Requested an update on the review of the car park and safety issues at the Chipper Lane, Kells.
- 9.2.3 Requested an update on the capital works in the three cemeteries.
- 9.2.4 Requested that a reminder letter issue to the OPW regarding the Round Tower and St. Colmcille's House.
- 9.2.5 Requested that potholes be repaired on the route of the 'Darkness into Light' walk in the Moynalty area and taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

9.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

- 9.3.1 Requested an update on the provision of the taxi ranks.
- 9.3.2 Concerns raised by Blackwater Anglers regarding possible pollution from the drainage from the business park and requesting that tests be carried out at this location.

9.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

- 9.4.1 The possibility of replacing the flag pole on The Square in Oldcastle.
- 9.4.2 Additional or updated signage on the Kells Road, Oldcastle to deter speeding traffic towards Gibson school.
- 9.4.3 Welcomed the motion proposed by Councillor Eugene Cassidy at the full Council meeting to reduce the community contribution under the CIS to 5%.

9.5 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:



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9.5.1 The need to repair the out of order parking meters in Kells.

9.6 Councillor Eugene Cassidy raised the following issue:

9.6.1 The possibility of extending the footpath in Carlanstown – it was confirmed that a contractor had been appointed to do in addition to drainage.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**