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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 21st May, 2018, Kells Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Eugene Cassidy.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Services: 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 16th April, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 16th April, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Michele Whelan, Tourism on the death of her father, Michael.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Adrian McNally on being the first Meath person to climb Mount Everest;
- The organisers of the inaugural Moynalty Darkness Into Light and to Meath County Council staff for the route preparation.

4 To receive a presentation from Kells Local Heroes regarding the 2018 TypeTrail.

Mark Smith, Kells Local Heroes attended the meeting and outlined the background to and the purpose of the planned visit by Welsh students to Kells on 21st June. He requested that a formal welcome be arranged for the group, whose art piece would be exhibited in the Civic Offices for 6-8 weeks, following which it would return to Wales.

It was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**, that a formal welcome be arranged and it was suggested that this take place in the Heritage Centre.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

- 5.1.2 To receive an update on the provision of the taxi ranks in Kells.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the process and delivered a report to the meeting, which included the background, consultations and summarised the submissions received. He commented on the points raised in the submissions objecting to the proposals.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

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- The impact on the timeline for the delivery of the taxi rank if the locations were to be changed – it was confirmed that any material change would require the process to recommence.
- The alternative locations and approaches that could be taken and the possible implications of these.
- The need to deliver a taxi rank(s) as soon as possible.

Following a discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** to proceed with the night-time taxi rank at Castle Street, outside Paddy Powers and to defer the daytime rank at Headfort Place, with a review to take place after three months and a report to be presented at the September meeting.

5.1.3 To receive an update on parking arrangements in Kells

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation delivered a presentation on parking arrangements, parking appeals process, text alert service, Back in 5 Minutes scheme, Smart meters, park by text system, proposed resourcing of service and the type and percentage of fines issues.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The difference in income in Navan since the new arrangements were introduced – it was confirmed that income had increased.
- The need for additional parking spaces, including long term spaces, in Kells – it was pointed out there currently was sufficient capacity and that increased turnover would free up spaces. Presently, there was no proposal to increase the number of spaces at Chipper's Lane. Long term parking is generally provided in out of town locations. Reference was also made to long stay permits and weekly tickets, which could be further promoted.
- The possibility of extending the car park at Kenlis Place to the rear, with long term parking at the rear and short term parking at the front.



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- Notification of changes – it was confirmed that communication had taken place with the Chamber of Commerce and Kells Local Heroes but it was emphasised that the parking system and byelaws will remain unchanged.

5.2 Corporate Services

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

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

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 Housing SPC meeting of 10th April, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 26th April, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 4th May, 2018.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence



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

The correspondence was noted.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Update on the availability of the hoist at Kells Swimming Pool – it was confirmed that a new one had been delivered.

10.1.2 Update on the Town & Village Renewal Scheme – it was confirmed that the deadline for expressions of interest from the community was 25th May.

- 10.2 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested that a report be presented to each Municipal District on the capital programme allocation for 2018-2020 specific to each municipal district and including county wide projects.

10.2.2 Queried as to whether any of the €12.3 million roads levies, referred to in the 2018-2020 capital programme, would be allocated to projects in Kells Municipal District.

10.2.3 Requested that a submission be made for Kells to secure funding for CCTV to deter anti-social behaviour, littering and crime – this was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**. It was suggested that the role of Data Controller could be decided once funding had been secured.

- 10.3 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Referred to grass being destroyed on the public area in Cherryhill.

- 10.4 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:



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10.4.1 The condition of the garage in Drumconrath – it was pointed out that action had been taken under the Dangerous Structures Act.

10.5 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

10.5.1 Update on the illegal halting site at Killeela, Athboy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach