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Ordinary Meeting

Kells Municipal District

4:00 pm, 16th July, 2018, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, presided.

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

Apologies: Councillor Sarah Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Barry Lynch

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Kevin Stewart, Director of Service

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 18th June, 2018.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 18th June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Martin Ginnelly, Gibbstown who died in a tragic accident.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All involved in organising last weekend's Meath Steam Run for charity;
- Oldcastle on winning the Division 2 League Final;
- Na Gaels for winning the Shield at Féile.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

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

4.2 Community

- 4.2.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive's report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended) for the installation of lighting around the existing walkway which is located in the Steam Threshing Field, Moynalty, Co Meath.

Emmanuel Mwadiwa, Executive Engineer, Community Department outlined the Chief Executive's Report and proposed scheme. The Cathaoirleach and Councillors welcomed the proposed development.

4.3 Housing



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- 4.3.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2017 on proposed housing development of 13 housing units in total, including all site development works, as an extension to the existing Deerpark Heights development. (P818009).

Jennifer McQuaid, Assistant Planner and Tom Traynor, Senior Executive Engineer outlined the Chief Executive's Report and proposed development. Responses were provided to a number of queries raised and it was confirmed that it was hoped to deliver the units in Q3 2019.

4.4 Corporate Services

- 4.4.1 To agree the delegation representatives for the visit to Iona.

Councillors Eugene Cassidy, David Gilroy, Michael Gallagher and Bryan Reilly indicated their interest in travelling and it was agreed to contact Councillor Sarah Reilly to see if she was also interested.

- 4.4.2 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

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew

"I am seeking an update as to the status of repair works at Dulane Cemetery, including the initial assessment, the delivery of the reports and a timescale for the carrying out of the recommended works, as previously highlighted and discussed at a number of Kells Municipal District monthly meetings in late 2016 and early 2017 and for which funds have been set aside by the Municipal District and in the capital programme (update provided in May 2017). Since May 2017, the walls at the cemetery have further deteriorated, particularly as a result of Storm Orphelia in October 2017, and cannot be allowed go into further disrepair and I am seeking immediate action on this matter."

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Response:

A structural appraisal and survey of the Church ruin was carried out by Clifton Scannell Emerson on the 5th July 2017. This was followed up by a further inspection with a stone mason conservation specialist on the 3rd August 2017.

From the two inspections carried out, a repair methodology was agreed and budget costs developed. The budget costs developed were €30,000 (based on one quotation). The conclusions from the inspections were that the structure is still stable but in need of immediate consolidation and repair works by a specialist in this area of work, with detailed assessment of wall construction, dimensions and stability to be undertaken during consolidation works. The ivy covered sections of the ruin could not be assessed until all the ivy is removed. Also, consideration should be given to investigating the foundation level of the walls.

The response was noted. Councillor Drew requested clarification around the timeframe for works to be completed and it was agreed to refer this to the Heritage Officer.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew

“With the imminent sale of the Edmund Rice Centre, the unavailability (“not fit for purpose”) of the vacant Community House on Carrick Street and the lack of alternative suitable premises/facilities for many community groups and organizations in Kells, this council requests that a report be prepared at the earliest opportunity identifying any Meath County Council owned lands in Kells that might be available/suitable for a local community based body to develop a community hall or building.”

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

Meath County Council has no lands available in Kells that might be available/suitable for a local community based body to develop a community hall or building.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.



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A discussion followed on the need for a premises in the town to facilitate community groups, the lands owned by the Council in the town, the possibility of purchasing a building in the town for this purpose and the possibility of disposing of lands at Lloyd to fund such a purchase.

The motion was adopted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

7.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 15th June, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 22nd June, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 26th June, 2018.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Queried whether prosecutions followed where landowners refused to cut hedges, causing damage to vehicles and blocking footpaths – it was confirmed that no prosecutions had taken place to date as it hadn't been required but the issue would have to be addressed for ongoing non-compliance.

9.1.2 Illegal dumping at Loughbracken Lake in addition to fires being set in the woods



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and the need for CCTV.

9.1.3 The need to improve the sight lines at the graveyard in Gibbstown towards Kells – it was confirmed that moving the wall had been costed and an application made under the Low Cost Safety Scheme but was unsuccessful. Another application would be made.

9.1.4 Responsibility for the repair of pailing at Oristown – it was confirmed that this was the responsibility of the landowner.

9.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

9.2.1 The issue of illegal dumping in bogs, including at Rathmore, and the consequences for fires, as recently occurred at Frayne Bog and the need for CCTV to ensure prosecutions – it was pointed out that the Environment Department was in discussion with Coillte to see how the issue can be addressed but that some of the land was also in private ownership.

9.2.2 The timeframe for the announcement of approved projects under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme – it was pointed out that it was hoped that this would happen earlier than last year, possibly August.

9.3 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Complaints received regarding the new parking enforcement system since its introduction, including the fact that parking tickets can only be purchased for one location and cannot be reused at another location in the town even if time is remaining on the first ticket, that the machines are not calibrated to take the maximum two hour charge only but will accept all payment received and provide no change and the need to publicise the fact that the first 15 minutes parking is free without the need to purchase a ticket.

9.3.2 Confirmed that an application had been made under the Outdoor Recreation Scheme for the provision of a footpath around the Kells ring road.

9.3.3 Commended the road improvement and footpath works undertaken.

9.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:



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- 9.4.1 The money being expended in dealing with illegal dumping across the county – reference was made to the unauthorised waste collectors, particularly from Dublin, and illegally dumping waste in Meath.

- 9.4.2 The timeframe for notifying groups of funding allocated under Clár – it was confirmed that this would be done by the Community Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach