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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

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

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

Councillors Present: Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, 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 17th September, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 17th September, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- All groups in Kells Municipal District that received funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme;



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- The local ladies football team in the Leinster Championship;
- Gaeil Colmcille Junior C on the Ladies Championship;
- Clann na nGael Ladies team on the Junior Camogie Championship.

4 To receive a presentation from Men's Shed and Kells Victorian Water Works Restoration Group

Ronnie McGrane, Victorian Waterworks, Kells and Seamus McDonagh, Chair of Kells Men's Shed delivered a presentation on the background to the Kells Victorian Waterworks and the Men's Shed and put forward a proposal relating to the relocation of the Men's Shed to the waterworks site. The proposed role of the Men's Shed in terms of the facility was outlined.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Acknowledged the importance of the Men's Sheds for participants.
- The provision of necessary facilities at the site – it was pointed out that previous plans had allowed for the provision of such facilities.
- The entity that would enter into any licence agreement with the council – it was confirmed that a new group would be established.
- The need to put in place adequate insurance arrangements – it was pointed out that this would be arranged and would form part of any licence agreement.
- The significance of the site to national industrial heritage – it was agreed that councillors would visit the site prior to the November meeting.

It was agreed to review this proposal and provide a report at the November meeting.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation



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- 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.

The draft three year roadworks programme, prepared following consultation with councillors, was discussed.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The opportunities to amend the programme – it was confirmed that the programme could be amended, e.g. if additional funding is received, additional roads could be added. The need to agree the programme with a view to tendering and commencing works early was underlined due to the ongoing increase in costs.
- The roads in the worst condition that have not been included – it was confirmed that the programme was based on the 2018 funding received and that of the 180 roads in the red category, 46 were included. It was also pointed out that it was necessary to comply with the approach as determined by the department, in terms of selected roads based on survey results, etc.
- The need for additional central funding to address the condition of roads in the municipal district.
- The application for funding for roads damage arising from storm damage – it was confirmed that funding associated with the response/clean-up work undertaken in the aftermath of the severe cold weather in February/March this year has been recouped by Meath County Council whilst the other funding had not yet been paid. It was agreed that a letter would issue to the department enquiring as to when this funding would be paid.
- The need for proper reinstatement of the N51 – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning & Design.

5.2 Corporate Services



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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

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“To ask the Heritage Officer for details of all scheduled works planned for Rathmore and Dulane Cemetery and for a time line for same.”

Response:

Dulane Graveyard

Having reviewed the documentation submitted by Meath County Council submitted for works to Dulane Cemetery. The Chief State Archaeologist deemed on September 7th that the church and graveyard site (ME011-037) is a monument of national significance.

An archaeologist and Senior Architect from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht visited the site on Sept 14th and outlined a list of further information that they require in determining consent for the works which includes mortar analysis and more detailed information on the methodology and capping of church ruin etc.

Meath County Council are currently working through the request for further information and got replies from Conservation Specialists for mortar analysis (Oct 4th)

The ivy from the church ruins has to be removed so that the entire section can be recorded and detailed. This will be carried out first, finalising specification this week.

I have asked the National Monuments Service if they will deal with the consent to the works to the boundary wall separate to the works to the church so as to allow those works to move forward. They have agreed to do this.

Rathmore Graveyard



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Meath County Council outdoor staff visited site and spoke to landowner to ensure the graveyard is stock-proof (temporary electric fence has been erected by surrounding landowner).

Department are currently considering information submitted by Meath County Council – expect their determination next week.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy

“Calling on Irish Water to provide full and detailed description of the design and running of its sewage plant at Rathcairn, Athboy, Co. Meath and full explanation as to the continued failure of this plant resulting in the extremely unsatisfactory odour nuisance caused to the residents in its environs.”

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

Under a Design, Build, Operate (DBO) contract completed in 2010, wastewater from Rathcairn is pumped to Athboy where it is treated at the Athboy Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Athboy wastewater treatment plant together with the Rathcairn pumping stations are operated and maintained by EPS Ltd. on behalf of Irish Water.

The Council has not received any reports of plant failure or wastewater odours from Rathcairn and is not aware of any such issues. However, we will undertake to raise the matter with Irish Water and ask that they report back to the Kells Municipal District directly.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

The motion was adopted.



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8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 14th September, 2018.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Requested an update on the provision of a footpath from the hall to the school in Gibbstown – it was confirmed that a request for funding had been made but no funding had been allocated.

10.1.2 The process by which a cul-de-sac is made into a private road – it was pointed out that a process did exist to abandon a public road/extinguish a public right of way and was a reserved function but that a case would have to be made.

10.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

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

10.3 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Requested an update on the timeframe for the provision of the 40 social houses in Kells and whether the site is now the responsibility of the contractor, thereby preventing access for Halloween bonfires.

10.4 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:



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10.4.1 Requested a derelict sites report on the vacant and burnt out unit on Pitchers Lane, Kells.

10.5 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

10.5.1 Requested an update on traffic calming measures at Rathmore N.S.

10.5.2 Requested an update on the possible provision of a footpath in Balrath/Cloncat.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach