



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, 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 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Bryan Reilly on the death of his sister, Catherine;



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- Des Foley on the death of his son, Colin;
- The families of the four young men who lost their lives in Donegal.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Brian Carroll and Gary McConnell, Kells Handball Club on winning the All Ireland Senior Doubles Handball title.

### **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.

- 4.1.2 To discuss parking issues.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation outlined a number of issues that have been raised in relation to parking and provided an update as follows:

- Reqs received regarding parking controls on Church Lane – it is proposed to install double yellow lines at the narrow points on the lane.
- The request to remove the loading bay on Market Street and replace it with two car parking spaces – it is proposed to proceed with this in the coming weeks.
- The review of the parking byelaws – due to the complexity of modernising and standardising the parking byelaws for Kells, Navan and Trim, the process will take approximately 6-8 months.



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- Permits – it was confirmed that the permit system remained the same but that, due to the new enforcement system, the number of applications for permits had increased.
- The replacement of parking meters – it was confirmed that the tender process to replace the meter stock across the county had commenced, with the proposed tender documents sent to the Procurement Officer for review and it would take approximately 6 months before the new machines are delivered.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The need to repair the existing parking meters until such time as they are replaced – it was pointed out that due to their age, it was not possible to repair them and, instead, they were being replaced, where possible and in the interim, with used meters from other local authorities or leased meters.
- The need to ensure that at least one parking meter is operational on a particular street.
- The benefits of the new enforcement system in freeing up spaces but the need to consider the impacts of tickets being issued while meters are unavailable.
- The restrictions that apply to parking for permit holders – it was confirmed that permits cannot be used in certain locations and were for use in designated areas.
- The need to review the permit system due to issues arising from an increase in the number of permit holders.

Councillors supported the proposal to replace the loading bay on Market Street with two parking spaces. In relation to Church Lane, it was suggested that 'Residents Only' signs be trialled initially.

### **4.2 Planning**



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4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018.

- Turry Meadows, Athboy.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

### **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.

### **7 Correspondence**

7.1 Correspondence received from Cllr. Maria Murphy, Chairperson of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) re attendance at meetings.

The correspondence was noted.

7.2 Correspondence received from Cllr David Gilroy, Chairperson, JPC Road Safety Sub Committee re traffic calming measures at Rathmore National School.

Councillor Eugene Cassidy referred to the recent meeting that had taken place where a proposal had been discussed. However, it was pointed out that the road was the



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responsibility of TII, the Transportation Department were preparing a response to the proposal and a further response was then expected from TII. It was confirmed that TII were not in favour of traffic calming measures on the road. The issue of speeding on the road was discussed and it was agreed that a letter would issue to the Garda Superintendent requesting that an unmarked car be deployed within the 50kmph limit to detect speeding.

### **8 Any Other Business**

8.1 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Proposed that the one way system in Kells be revisited to improve parking and pedestrian safety. A discussion followed on the proposed revised system, the means by which it could be delivered with timeframes, possible funding sources and other developments in the town that would complement the proposed changes. Councillors underlined the need for adequate communication and engagement prior to any changes being introduced. It was agreed that an update on the options would be provided at the February meeting.

8.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Requested that a further letter issue to Irish Water seeking an update on the issues with the sewerage treatment plant in Rathcairn, which are ongoing.

8.2.2 Requested an update on the illegal halting sites at Kilkeelan and Martinstown, Athboy.

8.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

8.3.1 Requested an update on plans to provide social housing on council owned lands in Drumconrath.

8.3.2 Requested that a sign be erected on Corstown Lane, towards the lake, indicating that CCTV was in operation to deter illegal dumping.

8.3.3 Referred to complaints received regarding dog fouling on the streets in Kells, queried whether any prosecutions had been pursued and whether dog fouling bins could be provided – it was suggested that dog bags be provided at existing



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bins.

8.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

8.4.1 Requested that a disabled parking space be moved from the area near the old phone box to McQuaid's pharmacy.

8.5 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

8.5.1 Requested an update on the proposed civic reception to be held in March/April to recognise significant achievements of individuals/groups in the municipal district.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**