



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 11th March, 2019, Kells Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Johnny Guirke, Sarah Reilly, Bryan 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 18th February, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th February 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the meeting.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Very Rev. Fr. Eamonn Butler, former Parish Priest in Drumconrath.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Brendan Smith, Rathmore on reaching the All Ireland final;
- Fred Cooke on reaching the semi-final of Dancing with the Stars.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of land at Fairgreen, Oldcastle, County Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of private site at Carlanstown, County Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To discuss proposals to be considered by the Protocol Committee in relation to the allocation of the 2019 Twinning budget.

Reference was made to an initiative underway to connect sites associated with St. Colmcille and it was suggested that an expression of interest be registered to participate in this. It was agreed to request an update on this initiative either in advance of the April meeting.



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5.2.2 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

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That the Council provide proper tour bus parking in Kells town before this summer tourist season.”

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

Currently there are tourist bus bays in Canon Street near the Round Tower for day time bus parking. There is a bus stop /set down bay at Tourist Office and buses can set down at the Bus Éireann bus bay, if unoccupied. Meath County Council will discuss lengthening this bus stop /set down bay in Headfort Place to accommodate larger buses setting down. The buses can park in Canon Street and return to collect visitors at Tourist Office.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

A discussion followed on the issues being experienced by bus operators and local businesses with regard to overnight parking of buses and it was suggested that a bus parking bay be provided on the Headfort Road at St. John’s cemetery. The existing bus parking bays were highlighted and it was pointed out that a bus bay on the Navan Road would be more appropriate, subject to funding being secured. It was agreed to consider the options.

The motion was adopted.



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7.2 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew

“This Council directs that all Carrick Street residents who have being designated Maudlin Street Car Parking Resident Permits be issued with replacement Permits designated for the Fair Green Car Park and that any new Permits issued to Carrick Street residents be designated for the Fair Green Car Park.”

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

The designation of parking permit locations is at the discretion of Meath County Council, taking into consideration legal parking, road safety and business demand on parking bays on streets. When deciding on applications for Carrick Street, Meath County Council offers Maudlin Street as the preferred option. However, residents may request an alternative location for example, The Fair Green, as their designated parking area on their application form.

Their request for either area depends on the proximity of their house. Some residents prefer to leave their car on Maudlin Street because they consider the car is safer in this location. Residents with a current permit for Maudlin Street can reapply for the Fair Green.

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

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Garda Superintendent Sean Farrell in response to the Notice of Item 7.2 from January meeting re speeding.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:



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- 9.1.1 The need to pursue landowners who refuse to cut hedges, including banks and other financial institutions, and specific reference was made to the Moynalty/Kingscourt Road – it was pointed out that it can be difficult to establish who owns properties and, in certain cases, the council will undertake necessary works. A number of landowners are being pursued.
- 9.1.2 Requested that Chris Murphy be invited to present at a municipal district meeting on the ancient history of Kells.
- 9.2 Councillor Bryan Reilly raised the following issues:
 - 9.2.1 Referred to the parking area to the rear of Kells Civic Offices, with signs indicating that an area has been designated as hotel parking from Thursday to Monday rather than public long term parking and queried as to when this change was introduced.
 - 9.2.2 Requested that a letter issue to James Allen, who recently retired from his drapery business after 42 years.
 - 9.2.3 Requested that the traffic wardens be asked to monitor cars parking on the coloured footpath at McKeon's.
- 9.3 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:
 - 9.3.1 Proposed that Councillor Bryan Reilly's long service and contribution, having served Kells and north Meath for 35 years, be recognised at the civic event to be arranged for April/May – Councillor Reilly indicated that he would not be in favour of this.
- 9.4 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:
 - 9.4.1 Requested an update on the illegal halting sites at Kilkeelan and Martinstown, Athboy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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