



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, Kells Civic Offices***

An Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Sarah Reilly**, presided.

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Eugene Cassidy and Bryan Reilly.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Senior Executive Officer:** Dara McGowan

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Apologies:** Kevin Stewart, Director of Service

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018.**

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.



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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

Congratulations were extended to:

- The local executive committee who had secured the Leinster Fleadh for Athboy.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

#### **4.2 Corporate Services**

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

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

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.



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### **7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes**

- 7.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, together with Policy Document School Wardens.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested an update on the illegal halting site at Kilkeelan, Athboy – it was agreed to request this from Planning.

9.1.2 Requested an update on any further response from Irish Water in relation to report sewerage problems in Rathcairn – it was agreed to refer this to Water Services.

- 9.2 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

9.2.1 The need to review and increase the number of parking spaces in the town centre and whether the parking byelaws required review as a result, e.g. the change of use in Market Street and Newmarket Street of loading bays to parking spaces – it was confirmed that a review of the parking byelaws that apply to the three towns with paid parking was being considered for next year, but that in the short term, amendments to the schedule, which would cover the change of use, that could be undertaken without going through the statutory process of reviewing the byelaws, would be considered. In relation to one such



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request relating to a loading bay, it was confirmed that a letter had issued to local businesses in the area to see if there were any objections to removing the loading bays.

9.2.2 Requested an update on the appointment of the contractor for the social housing development in Kells – it was pointed out that the contract should be signed by the end of November.

9.2.3 Referred to complaints received from businesses regarding the full closure of the N52 at Carlanstown for a week, with works having been undertaken during working hours, despite the short length of road affected, and queried why traffic lights and night works could not have been used.

9.3 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Referred to complaints received regarding residential/business parking.

9.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Requested clarification as to whether Gardaí can issue tickets for parking on double yellow lines, etc. in towns such as Oldcastle and Athboy, where no specific parking byelaws apply – it was pointed out that the parking byelaws refer to paid parking and that other offences, such as parking on double yellow lines, are covered by legislation and, as such, are enforceable by the Gardaí – it was requested that a letter issue to the relevant Garda Superintendent in the Kells Municipal District clarifying the situation in this regard.

9.4.2 Referred to road safety issues at Rathmore N.S., partly arising from the lack of car parking facilities, and requested that consideration be given to further traffic calming measures – the role of enforcement of the speed limits was highlighted. It was agreed to identify any measures that the Road Safety Officer considered appropriate. It was also agreed that a meeting between the Road Safety Officer, the school principal, the chair of the Board of Management and the chair of the Parent's Association would be arranged in advance of the next municipal district meeting, i.e. 3pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December in Kells Civic Offices.

9.4.3 Requested clarification as to the percentage breakdown of the roads in the 1-4



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category of the pavement condition survey that would be completed in each Municipal district following the three year roadworks programme.

9.5 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

- 9.5.1 Requested an update on any development plans for council owned lands in Drumconrath and/or any plans to acquire land for social housing.
- 9.5.2 The damage caused to high sided vehicles by overgrown trees and hedges, e.g. Moynalty Road, and the need to pursue enforcement against landowners that don't comply – it was confirmed that notices had issued to repeat offenders and that the council would attempt to recoup costs if works had to be carried out. Councillors were requested to submit details of locations where problems were being encountered.
- 9.5.3 Requested an update on the footpath in Kilbeg – it was pointed out that a previous funding application had not been successful but that a further application would be made in 2019.
- 9.5.4 Requested an update on the waterworks site in Kells – it was confirmed that the proposal for the site had been circulated and views sought, following which discussions would take place with the relevant group.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**