



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 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 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

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

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family and colleagues of the late Stephanie Martin, Athboy and Meath Library Service;



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- The family and colleagues of the late Larry Campbell, Navan Municipal District;
- Councillor Brian Fitzgerald on the death of his sister.

### **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.

#### **4.3 Planning**

- 4.3.1 To receive a presentation on the Masterplan for the Kells Frontlands.

Padraig Maguire, Senior Executive Planner outlined the background to the development of the Masterplan for the Kells Frontlands, referring also to the Backlands, both of which are significant sites. In relation to the Frontlands, a key consideration is the provision of a developer-led major road to open up the site and which is central to the plan. With the land already zoned, the framework plan is an executive function and the application for the road is to be submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála. The purpose is to ensure coordinated development, with the provision of the road and the delivery of the road being key in releasing the land.

John Smith, OMS Architects outlined the Masterplan, including land zonings and ownership, the natural features of the land, access, existing built heritage, and connections with existing streets.



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Matters raised by councillors included:

- The flooding issues historically associated with these lands – it was confirmed that a full report had been prepared by civil engineers and the issue was related to a culvert in the Backlands, which had since been resolved.
- The capacity of Kells to support such significant developments – it was pointed out that the plans for the Backlands site were more advanced as extant planning permission was in place and that the County Development Review would involve some zoning changes but that phased development was most likely.
- The key access points and the need to consider access to the Backlands – these were outlined, having been identified following consultation with key stakeholders and the completion of full surveys on issues such as gradients, access, junctions, and road safety standards. The benefits in changed traffic management were also referenced.
- The impact on the provision of residential units – it was pointed out that the driver in respect of the Frontlands was most likely to be commercial rather than residential development.
- The availability of adequate water and wastewater capacity – it was pointed out that Irish Water planned to upgrade facilities and improve efficiencies in existing plants, with each application requiring Irish Water approval.
- The need to provide adequate car parking facilities.
- The need to ensure appropriate connections and linkages with the town centre – it was agreed that the heritage town integrity was to be maintained, with a focus on maximising tourism, heritage and leisure facilities.

The plan was welcomed and it was confirmed that an application would be made to An Bord Pleanála early in the new year for the new road and it was anticipated that the road would be approved by mid 2019 by which time,



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any developer could come forward with proposals to develop lands within the Masterplan area.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> November together with Low Cost Private Site Scheme.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

8.1 Correspondence received from Garda Superintendent Sean Farrell in response to the Notice of Item 9.4.1 from November meeting re parking.

The correspondence was noted.

### **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.



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- 9.1.2 Requested an update from the Water Services Section in relation to the wastewater plant in Rathcairn.
  
- 9.2 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:
  - 9.2.1 Requested that consideration be given to taking the parking space in front of Mullaghea church in charge.
  - 9.2.2 Requested an update on the decision regarding the removal of the loading bay on Market Street, which most businesses favour – the update provided by the Transportation Section was outlined.
  - 9.2.3 Requested an update on the timeline for the review of the parking byelaws.
  - 9.2.4 Referred to issues caused by business owners parking on the street.
  
- 9.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:
  - 9.3.1 Referred to the number of residents, with permits, now parking on Maudlin Street and enquired as to whether these permits had been moved from other streets.
  - 9.3.2 Requested that the Garda Superintendent be invited to meet with councillors to discuss the reduced numbers of Gardaí and the closure of stations in the municipal district, despite an increase in crime levels.
  
- 9.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:
  - 9.4.1 Requested that a letter issue to TII requesting that a traffic calming table be installed at Rathmore N.S.
  - 9.4.2 Requested an update on the sponsorship scheme for roundabouts.
  - 9.4.3 Requested that information on the percentage of red category roads included in the three year roadworks programme in each of the municipal districts be circulated.



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9.5 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

9.5.1 Referred to the numbers of parking meters that are out of order and which require repair or replacement.

9.5.2 The recent change in the enforcement of residents parking permits in specific locations.

9.5.3 Commended the Environment Section on acquiring the housing unit in St. Colmcille's Villas using a CPO.

9.5.4 The increased number of cars in St. Colmcille's Villas and the possibility of providing additional spaces at the green area to the rear of Willie Black Crescent.

9.5.5 The possibility of works on the footpath at O'Growney Terrace.

9.6 Councillor Bryan Reilly raised the following issue:

9.6.1 The plan for the reinstatement of the grass verges on the Rockfield Road following watermain works.

9.7 Councillor Eugene Cassidy raised the following issue:

9.7.1 Proposed that the periodic speed limits in Wilkinstown be amended to the following times:

8.55am – 9.30am

1.45pm – 2.15 pm

2.45pm – 3.15pm

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**. It was pointed out that this proposed change would first need to be reviewed in terms of compliance with the guidelines and was in order.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**