



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4:00 p.m., 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Kells Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Bryan Reilly**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Johnny Guirke, Sarah Reilly.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Kevin Stewart

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Fiona Beers

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Conor Tormey, former Meath County Councillor, on the death of his brother, Christopher.

### **4 To receive a presentation from Kells Local Heroes on their 2016 work programme.**

Mark Smith and Ken Murray, Kells Local Heroes attended the meeting and outlined the group's key activities during 2015 and their planned work programme for 2016.

The group's plans for 2016 include the playground at the Fairgreen, three conferences around urban design, culture/arts and horticulture/planting/landscaping, a flowerbox project and a calendar of events throughout the year. Their role in the painting programme is also to continue. The group require funding to cover expenses and also require assistance in finding suitable office accommodation. Particular acknowledgement was given to all the volunteers involved in the project, particularly Michael McGovern and John Meehan, who undertake invaluable work on behalf of the group, and Barry Lynch, for his ongoing support.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors commended the work of the group and raised the following points:

- Welcomed the plans for further festivals in the town and highlighted the success of the Comhaltas festival;
- Acknowledged the growing success and strength of the group in Kells and how they could provide a template for other communities;
- The success of the paint scheme and its continuation;
- The need for the group to be made aware of available funding opportunities.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

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



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The report was circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Commended the work undertaken by Aaron and the outdoor staff over the Christmas period, including the clearing of the bring banks at the swimming pool and the preventative work that prevented flooding, including the water cuts and clearance of drains.
- The need to grit junctions and the availability of salt for volunteers – it was confirmed that salt bins, with one fill of salt, were available for sale by the Council with details available on meath.ie.
- The water running over the N52 at Mitchelstown Cross, which had washed the salt off the road.
- The possibility of including the road L2800 from Millbrook to Lydon's on the gritting programme.
- Potholes on the Girley Road on a dangerous bend since the road was resurfaced.

### **5.2 Planning**

5.2.1 To consider taking in charge the following estate and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estate shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2014.

- Meadowlands, Athboy

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

- Carrick Court, Kells

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by Councillor **Seán Drew**.



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- Townparks Manor, Kells.

It was agreed to defer this item to the February meeting and that Councillor Johnny Guirke would contact the residents' association to see if works undertaken to date were satisfactory.

### **6 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to Item 8.2.3 – Any Other Business of December meeting re. update on the site for scouts group.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

9.1.1 The need to expedite works in Cloran Court estate, Athboy.

- 9.2 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

9.2.1 The efforts being made by Loughcrew Megalithic Centre to secure a key from the OPW for Loughcrew Cairns – it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** to write to the OPW asking that they facilitate this request.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**