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

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4:00p.m., 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 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

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Fiona Beers

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Staff Officer:** Rose McManus

**Also in attendance:** John McGrath, Senior Engineer; Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer; David Jones, Senior Executive Officer; Tom Traynor, Senior Executive Engineer; Fergal O’Bric, Executive Planner.

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 19th January 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

Congratulations were extended to Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival, who won a LAMA Community and Council Award for Local Festival Event of the Year.



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### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 To consider and adopt the 2015 Schedule of Municipal District Works.**

David Jones, Housing Department outlined the categories for housing maintenance and repair and explained the background to and rationale for the allocations, including those managed centrally. John McGrath SE, Transportation Department provided an overview of the breakdown of funding relating to transportation, the sources of funding and how these can be spent, the rationale for the allocations to the Municipal District and explanation of the central budgets allocated over the six municipal districts.

Matters raised by the Councillors, and responses received, included:

- The government funding available for energy upgrades – it was confirmed that this scheme received 100% government funding since 2013.
- The allocation for energy upgrades in Kells Municipal District – the progress previously made in Kells Municipal District was outlined.
- The number of voids in the municipal district.
- The allocation for repairs on Headfort Bridge was highlighted.
- The continuation of, and the percentage contribution required from residents towards, the Community Involvement Scheme. The possible sources of funding for the reduction of the contribution required was discussed, including diversion some of the NPPR funds and the Members Discretionary Fund.
- The overall decrease in funding for road repair and maintenance on 2014.
- The inclusion of Mount Dutton under the estates allocation.
- The amount allocated for street cleaning and comparisons with other municipal districts – it was pointed out that it was difficult to make such comparisons, that the allocation was a legacy of the town council structure but was to cover the municipal district and that the aim was to try and maintain the service in so far as possible.
- The amount allocated to drainage maintenance works – it was confirmed that this allocation would be used for general maintenance and to meet problems as they arise.



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- The percentage allocation of overall funding to the Kells Municipal District and the need for additional funding.
- The abolition of the former block grant towards the repair and maintenance of streets within Kells town and the allocation of €40,000, with specific mention of the requirement for repairs to Bective Street to the GAA grounds, Sedenrath, footpath repairs in Rockfield – it was pointed out that the surface dressing planned for Sedenrath is a continuation of the surface dressing carried out there last year and that €6,500 of the €40,000 allocation would be used to compile a report on the implementation of the one-way system, that is an objective in the Development Plan, which may in turn lead to additional funding being allocated by the NTA. The footpaths in Rockfield could also be included.
- The allocation of funding for the footpath in Deerpark, Carlanstown – it was agreed to include this in the schedule of works.

It was agreed to hold a roll call vote on the adoption of the 2015 Schedule of Municipal District Works, and the result was as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Cllr. Cassidy, Eugene	FOR			
Cllr. Drew, Seán	FOR			
Cllr. Gallagher, Michael	FOR			
Cllr. Gilroy, David	FOR			
Cllr. Guirke, Johnny	FOR			
Cllr. Reilly, Bryan	FOR			
Cllr. Reilly, Sarah	FOR			
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The 2015 Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Kells Municipal District was therefore adopted.

### 4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 **To consider the Chief Executive’s Report prepared pursuant to Section 20 (C) (1) of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2014 on submissions and**



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**observations received with respect to the proposed revocation to the following Local Area Plans:**

- Athboy LAP 2009-2015
- Baile Ghib (Gibbstown) LAP 2009-2015
- Carlanstown LAP 2009-2015
- Carnaross LAP 2009-2015
- Crossakiel Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Drumconrath LAP 2009-2015
- Kilmainhamwood LAP 2009-2015
- Moynalty LAP 2009-2015
- Nobber LAP 2009-2015
- Oldcastle LAP 2009-2015
- Rathcairn LAP 2009-2015

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report, to make a recommendation to Meath County Council to revoke or not revoke the stated Local Area Plans.

Fergal O'Bric, Executive Planner delivered a verbal report to the meeting that outlined the background to the process to date and also the submissions received and recommendations made.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** to accept the recommendations made in the report.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.



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### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

### **7 Correspondence**

#### **7.1 Launch of 2015 Anti Litter Initiative – Application Form.**

The correspondence was noted.

#### **7.2 Letter from Tommy Grimes on behalf of Jim Connell Society.**

The correspondence was noted and it was confirmed that this correspondence had been referred to the Community Department.

### **8 Any Other Business**

8.1 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Illegal dumping – it was confirmed that the Environment Section was working hard to raise awareness around this issue but that enforcement was difficult due to lack of evidence.

8.1.2 The commencement of the roadworks programme – it was confirmed that the programme should commence in May/June. It was also confirmed that a combination of direct and indirect labour was used and that the programme was operated as efficiently as possible.

8.2 Councillor Michael Gallagher queried the standards applied when using external contractors – it was confirmed that a snag list is prepared and remediation carried out within a year as appropriate.

8.3 Councillor Sarah Reilly requested an update on the pathway connecting to the school campus – it was agreed to refer this to the Planning Department for an update.

8.4 Cllr Drew asked when a follow up meeting would be arranged with the traders /



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chamber in relation to paid parking – it was confirmed that the Chief Executive had committed to a follow up meeting and that a meeting would be arranged shortly.

8.5 It was agreed to draw up a new roadwork's programme to replace the 2013 – 2016 four-year programme, which will be completed this year.

8.6 The provision of salt bins is to be raised at the next SPC meeting.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**