



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4:00 p.m., 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Kells Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Bryan Reilly, Sarah Reilly.

**Apologies:** Councillor Johnny Guirke

**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

It was agreed, following a request from the Cathaoirleach, that Aileen Ferguson, Kells Road Races be allowed to address Councillors before the start of the meeting. Ms. Ferguson referred to the successful event that had taken place in 2014, following an absence of two years, and the benefits to the local economy. She requested that all Councillors, particularly those in Kells Municipal District, support their funding application, which is to be made to the Community Department. Councillors committed to supporting the event and thanked Ms. Ferguson for attending.

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew**.

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

There were no matters arising.



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

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Planning**

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

- The Glebe, Kells;
- Townspark Manor, Kells.

Councillors raised concerns expressed by residents in both estates of outstanding issues that needed to be addressed prior to these estates being taken in charge. Reference was made to a letter submitted by residents in Townspark Manor outlining a number of issues and also to the boundary wall around The Glebe and adjacent to Mill Lane, which residents felt did not comply with the planning permission.

It was agreed to request the Planning Department to prepare a report for the April meeting on the issues identified and to defer decisions in respect of both estates being taken in charge until such a report could be considered.

### **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 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received re. Harvest Walk, Headfort Road, Kells.

This letter had been received on the day of the meeting and the contents were read into the meeting. It concerned the condition of the Harvest Walk, Headfort Road, affecting pedestrian safety, and requested that the footpath be upgraded. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** to refer this correspondence to the Transportation Department for consideration.

### **8 Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Kells Paid Parking

Kevin Stewart circulated a report, outlining recommended changes to the Kells paid parking charges, as recently agreed with the Chamber of Commerce and local traders. Councillors congratulated the officials of Meath County Council, the Chamber of Commerce and local traders in reaching an agreement. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the recommended changes and it was confirmed that the changes would take effect as soon as the machines could be re-calibrated. It was also confirmed that a public awareness campaign would be implemented to coincide with the changes.

- 8.2 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

8.2.1 The provision of a storage unit for equipment at Kells Allotments.

8.2.2 The issuing of correspondence to Oban – it was confirmed that correspondence had issued as requested.

- 8.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

8.3.1 The damage caused to Yellowford Bridge and the need for additional warning signs.

- 8.4 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:



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8.4.1 Update on the status of the taking in charge of a number of estates in Athboy, especially Cloran Court – it was agreed to check this with Planning.

### 8.5 Capital Works Programme

8.5.1 Kevin Stewart referred to the presentation of the Capital Works Programme at the April meeting of Meath County Council and suggested that Councillors submit proposals for works to be included as soon as possible in order that they can be considered, subject to available funding.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**