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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4:00pm, 20th April 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: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 16th March 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th March 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

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.



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4 To receive a presentation from Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership - Overview of the LSP.

Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership (MLSP) delivered a presentation to the meeting that provided an overview of MLSP, its structure, funding, activities and key events planned.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Mary for her presentation, acknowledged the work of MLSP and the benefits to the community.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 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.

John Sweeney, Planning, attended the meeting and responded to queries raised by Councillors.

- The Glebe, Kells

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew**.

- Townspark Manor, Kells

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Councillors would arrange to meet the developer separately to highlight the issues identified by residents that were outside of the planning conditions and to defer a decision on the taking in charge to the May meeting.

Councillors raised queries in relation to a number of other estates in Kells Municipal District and responses were provided.



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5.2 Community

5.2.1 To receive a presentation on the Meath Age Friendly Initiative.

Aine Bird, Community Department, Meath County Council, Catherine McGuigan, Age Friendly Ireland, and Michael Finnegan, Chair, Meath Age Friendly Initiative, attended the meeting and delivered a presentation to the meeting. The presentation included information on the background to the initiative, membership, the strategy and its review, information on the Age Friendly Business Town initiative and the next steps planned.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- The availability of the Good Morning Call Service in Meath;
- The plans to deal with an ageing population, including transport, health, etc.;
- The identification of appropriate locations in Kells for the Age Friendly car parking spaces.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Aine, Catherine and Michael for attending and for the presentation.

5.3 Transportation

5.3.1 To receive a report on a new proposed parking layout in Oldcastle.

A report had been circulated in advance and Aaron Smith responded to a number of queries raised.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

5.3.2 To note draft Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 whereby Kildare County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Meath County



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Council in relation to the widening / rehabilitation works to MH-N52-003.00 Owenroe Bridge (Carlanstown) in the County of Meath which is described in the Schedule to the Agreement.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That Kells Municipal District places a compulsory purchase order on lands at the address of Clarke's Farm Machinery, Kells with the objective of prioritising the proposed walkway to the school campus.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

The Council has recently written to the landowner to make a formal written offer for the lands. To date no response to this has been received.

The Council is considering its position on the question of preparing a Compulsory Purchase Order for these lands.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

Councillor Sarah Reilly noted the response but reaffirmed that she wanted to see this matter progressing and that she will resubmit or reactivate her motion if necessary.

The motion was noted.



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8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Community and Enterprise Department, Meath County Council with regard to 2015 Meath Pride of Place Competition.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

9.1.1 A group of caravans were illegally parked on a road at Fletcherstown and on Coillte lands and the resulting litter problem for the community – it was agreed to check the situation and contact the Gardaí.

- 9.2 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:

9.2.1 That, following her appointment to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee in June 2014, she had not been in a position to attend meetings and wished to step down from the committee. Councillor David Gilroy was appointed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

- 9.3 Councillor Bryan Reilly raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Residents of St. Mary's Villas, Moynalty were seeking to have 'Children at Play' signs erected – it was agreed to look at this in the context of available funding and the new speed limit guidelines.

9.3.2 Update on works on the footpath in Rockfield/Gardenrath, especially Maple Drive – it was confirmed that an allocation of €30,000 had been made for 2015 and that the tender documentation was being prepared.

9.3.3 Safety concerns expressed as a result of speeding traffic at Nobber Community School – the current traffic calming measures in the area were outlined and it was agreed to look at it again.



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9.3.4 The lack of a lock on the new gate at the old sewerage works at Carlanstown.

9.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

9.4.1 His disappointment at the allocations made to Kells Municipal District under the capital investment programme outlined at the April meeting of Meath County Council.

9.5 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

9.5.1 The date for the allocation of funding under the CIS – it was confirmed that the allocations will be decided in the coming week and formal notification of decisions will issue. It was also agreed to review the list of projects for the Kells Municipal District before deciding if an additional allocation from the discretionary fund was to be made.

9.6 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

9.6.1 The omission of Kells from the map used as part of Fáilte Ireland's recent launch of a new touring region - Ireland's Ancient East – it was pointed out that Meath featured strongly in this new initiative. It was agreed to write to Fáilte Ireland and request that all future promotional material and campaigns include Kells.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach