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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 24th April, 2017, Kells Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Johnny Guirke, Bryan 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 20th March, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th March, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Seán Drew referred to the minutes of the March meeting, which provided a fair and accurate reflection of the meeting that took place despite some commentary on social media to the contrary.

Councillor Sarah Reilly acknowledged that the microphones were operational in the chamber should Councillors wish to use them.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Kells Blackwater Under 14s, who have reached the final in Barcelona.

4 To receive a presentation from FAI Football Development Officer Meath.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

5 To receive a presentation from First Aid First Team, St. Ciaran's Community School.

Representatives of the First Aid First Team, St. Ciaran's Community School and the Order of Malta attended the meeting and a presentation was delivered by Luke Mulholland and Grainne McDonagh. This covered the Young Social Innovators, First Aid First goals in increasing CPR awareness, the role of the Order of Malta, Adam's Gift, accomplishments to date and the aim of increasing awareness of the project.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors congratulated the group and raised a number of queries on aspects of this excellent project. It was suggested that local schools should first be approached to adopt the project and that Meath County Council could request all local authorities to support its roll-out. The Order of Malta was also acknowledged in facilitating the project.

6 To receive a presentation from Kells Local Heroes on the importance of the Victorian Print Works.

Mark Smith attended the meeting and provided a comprehensive overview of the Victorian Print Works, its location and history, the available machinery and archives, its importance locally and nationally, the structures set up to safeguard this resource and future plans, including its relocation and possible linkages with related bodies. Kells Municipal District was requested to provide letters of support as required and to assist in building on relevant contacts, as appropriate.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors acknowledged Mark's role in securing this nationally significant resource for Kells and its potential in terms of tourism and heritage and offered any support required.



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7 Statutory Business

7.1 Transportation

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

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

- The telegraph pole impeding accessibility on the footpath outside the Butterfly Café, Kells – it was agreed to check this.
- Poor road conditions in north Meath adversely impacting access by the emergency services and the need for more funding – it was proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew** to request a meeting with the Minister for Transport to discuss this issue. It was also agreed that a letter would issue to Deputy Peadar Tóibín, Chair of the Joint Committee on Regional Development, Rural Affairs, Arts and the Gaeltacht requesting feedback on the meeting on Rural Development and Infrastructure, which representatives of Kells Municipal District attended on 20th September 2016, including the outcome of the meeting, actions arising, etc.

7.2 Corporate Services

- 7.2.1 To discuss the 2017 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, attended the meeting and outlined the available budget for 2017, the agreed allocations and the submissions received in respect of the balance.

Following a discussion, the following allocations were agreed:

- Dulane Cemetery - €4,000
- Hinterland Festival - €3,000



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- Athboy Christmas lights - €1,000
- Oldcastle Christmas lights - €1,000
- Kells Christmas lights - €1,000
- Nobber Christmas lights - €1,000
- Drumconrath Christmas lights - €1,000
- Oldcastle Christmas lights capital upgrade works (One off payment – to go elsewhere next year if funds available) - €3,000

7.2.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Kells Municipal District.

The list, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

8 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That the installation of a taxi rank be seriously pursued and that a short list of possible locations be recommended for consideration by elected members.”

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

A draft map, showing potential locations of Taxi ranks in Kells, was provided.



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

The recommended locations were identified and, following a short discussion, it was agreed to defer a decision on the location(s) until the May meeting, when further information the process and timeframe for implementing this decision would be made available. It was also pointed out that the provision of taxi ranks on private property was a matter for the property owner.

The motion was adopted.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That the upstairs of Kells Library be surveyed to determine a costing to return it to a usable space for book clubs etc, and that the required funding be acquired as a matter of priority.”

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

A structural survey of Kells library will be organised to ascertain the works requested in this Notice of Motion. In relation to the funding required, an estimate will be prepared and will be made available to the Libraries Service for consideration.

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

The motion was adopted.

10 Strategic Policy Committee Report – For Information Purposes

10.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 13th March, 2017.

The report was noted.



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11 Correspondence

- 11.1 Correspondence received from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs re CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) programme.

The correspondence was noted. It was pointed out that, based on the programme eligibility, ten draft applications had been prepared under Measure 1 and these were outlined.

Reference was also made to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Councillors were asked to encourage communities to submit expressions of interest before the closing date of 12th May and it was agreed to check what support would be available in terms of completing the application.

It was suggested that an application be made for additional traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety measures in Kells – it was agreed that this would have to be led by the local authority and it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

12 Any Other Business

- 12.1 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

12.1.1 Proposed that a letter issue to the Chief Superintendent expressing concerns at the relocation of the Garda Traffic Corp from Kells to Dunshaughlin and write to the JPC requesting that this be discussed by them – this was seconded by Councillor Sarah Reilly.

- 12.2 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

12.2.1 The provision of regular street sweeping in Oldcastle – it was pointed out that there was no specific funding for this service and that it was used in the context of festivals/events.

- 12.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

12.3.1 Illegal dumping at Lough Bracken, including burnt out cars – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.



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12.3.2 The Tara Mines allocation for road improvements in Kilberry.

12.4 Councillor Bryan Reilly raised the following issue:

12.4.1 The erection of a new pole at Ard na Greine/Fr. McCullen Park – it was agreed to check this.

12.5 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

12.5.1 The 30km and 50km signs in housing estates.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach