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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4:00 p.m., 16th May 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 18th April, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th April 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah 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:



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- Students of Eureka Secondary School on their submission to the Very Rubbish Film Festival and to Bernadine Carry and Peter Brady, Meath County Council for organising this initiative;
- To all the groups who organised 1916 commemorative events in Kells Municipal District and to Meath County Council for their cooperation.

4 To receive a presentation on Meath Laterlife Network.

Jim Matthews, Chair and Maria Curtis, Meath Laterlife Network delivered a presentation on the Age Friendly Alliance and Strategy, the background to the Meath Laterlife Network, it's aims, actions and achievements, and future plans.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The progress being made in Meath and Kells to become more age-friendly.
- The linkages between the network and the diaspora – it was confirmed that the network links with both the Third Age Centre and Fáilte Isteach.
- The promotion being undertaken – the communication methods, including online media, were outlined. The issues with broadband, especially in rural areas, were highlighted and the linkages with the GAA and IFA were also outlined.
- The impact of illegal parking on people with disabilities – it was pointed out that dog fouling is also an issue for wheelchair users.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Jim and Fiona for their presentation.

5 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

- 5.1 Agreement in principal to disposal of 0.827 hectares of land at Kildalkey Road, Athboy to St. James Hall Community Group Limited.



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This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew**.

- 5.2 Agreement in principal to disposal of lands at Site B, Kells Business Park, Kells, Co. Meath to Royaldrive Developments Limited.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

A short discussion followed on the other available sites within Kells Business Park.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Economic Development

- 6.1.1 To receive an update on the Local Enterprise Office – Services and Supports.

Joe English, Head of Enterprise, Meath County Council delivered a presentation to the meeting, which included an overview of the Local Enterprise Officer, the services provided and key contacts.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The experience of different service users and the need to increase awareness of the role of the LEO.
- The Back to Work Enterprise Scheme – it was confirmed that discussions were ongoing with the Department of Social Protection in relation to this scheme and the need to meet the requirements of different clients.
- The credit options available – the role of Microfinance Ireland was outlined.
- The financial supports available to tourism products – the need to work within the rules were outlined.



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The Cathaoirleach thanked Joe for the presentation.

6.2 Planning

6.2.1 To receive a report on the economic benefits of a World Heritage Site.

Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer, delivered a verbal report to the meeting, which included an outline of the joint project being undertaken by Cork City, Meath, Kilkenny, and Kildare County Councils. Phase I of the scoping study, which focuses on the economic impacts of a heritage asset, is now complete and the approach used was outlined. The next phase will include the use of case studies and tenders are being prepared. It has been decided that Brú na Bóinne, as a World Heritage Site, should be the subject of a separate study and a brief is being prepared.

It was agreed to circulate copies of the draft Phase I document to Councillors and provide updates as appropriate.

6.2.2 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.

- Townparks Manor, Kells.

A discussion followed on the views of residents and the compliance with the planning conditions. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew** to do the following:

- To defer this item to the June meeting.
- To request the Planning Department to provide and circulate a report to Councillors on the developer's compliance with all planning conditions;



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- To request the Planning Department to write to the Residents' Association to explain the position if the estate is not taken in charge.

6.3 Transportation

- 6.3.1 To consider the submissions made, if any, in relation to the publication of the "Draft" Kells, Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) Traffic Restriction Bye-Laws 2016 and, if thought fit, to resolve to make Bye-Laws relating to restriction of vehicles having 4 axles or more from entering upon the specified roads.

Duncan Byrne, Executive Engineer, and Pat Shore, Assistant Engineer, Transportation Section attended the meeting and outlined the key issues contained in the Public Consultation Report.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

A short discussion followed on the trial period relating to the one-way system and the need for more communication with regard to same – it was confirmed that this was to run from mid-August for 5 weeks, with Cross Street to be closed for one week. It was also confirmed that a meeting had taken place with residents and business owners in Cross Street but that a further meeting could be arranged in advance of the trial. It was agreed that a full briefing would be provided to the June or July meeting.

- 6.3.2 Proposed Bus Stop in Athboy

Councillors were informed that a Section 38 public notice had been displayed in relation to the proposed bus stop in Athboy on the N51, with the public consultation having taken place between 29th March and 3rd May, with 15 submissions having been received, most opposed to the proposed location. The alternative location, at the car park to the rear of the church, will now be reviewed; however, the NTA previously rejected this location as it was not on the Main Street.

- 6.3.3 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:

- Update on the Heritage Centre – it was confirmed that a small fund had been allocated to undertake basic works to enable the centre to host events.
- The need for road markings at Fr. McCullen Park/Cavan Road – it was confirmed that the road markings would be renewed once works were complete at this location.
- An abandoned car in Rockfield estate – it was confirmed that this was being removed today.
- The need for additional state funding for road repairs in north Meath – the planned meeting with the six Meath TDs was referred to and it was suggested that any delegation to meet with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport should include representation from Kells Municipal District. It was also agreed to circulate to Councillors figures indicating the level of improvement in the condition of roads since the 2013 Pavement Condition Survey.

6.4 Corporate Services

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

7 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

8 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.



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9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Paul Hayden, Estates Manager North East, HSE in response to agenda item 9.3.2 from April meeting re Former HSE HQ, Navan Road, Kells, Co. Meath.

The correspondence was noted.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** to write to the HSE and request that they address the issue of the appearance and maintenance and appearance of the HSE building in Oldcastle.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

- 10.1.1 Queried as to the whether the income from the sale of sites in Kells Business Park would be allocated to Kells Municipal District – it was confirmed that any income would go towards reducing the debit balance remaining on the park, the figure for which would be provided.
- 10.1.2 Ongoing concerns regarding pollution of the water supply serving the Kells area from the Lough Ramor source – it was agreed to refer this to Water Services.
- 10.1.3 The erection of a fence at the playground in Kells – it was confirmed that the available funding did not include the fence and the surrounding wall should suffice.

- 10.2 Councillor Eugene Cassidy raised the following issue:

- 10.2.1 The allocation to Headfort Woods from the storm damage fund – it was confirmed that investigations were ongoing to ascertain with whom responsibility lies and what works were needed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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