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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4:15 p.m., 20th June 2016, 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

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 May, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th May 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family and colleagues of the late Jo Cox, MP following her tragic death.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Johnny Guirke, the organisers of and participants in the Moylagh 50 mile walk, with the contribution of Councillors and Council staff being acknowledged;
- Carl “Boo” Browne on winning the All Ireland Senior Doubles Handball Championship;
- The organisers of the Sean Nós Festival in Athboy.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Housing

- 4.1.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive’s Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2013 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2015 on proposed housing development at Bunboggan, Athboy and if thought fit to approve the report.

David Jones and Tom Traynor, Housing Department, and Kathryn Hosey, Planning Department, attended the meeting and the report was outlined. It was confirmed that the target date for the Phase I houses to be ready for occupation is early 2018 and that it was intended to submit a proposal in respect of Phase II this year but that the Part 8 would cover the whole development.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

In response to a query from Councillors, it was confirmed that a new Part 8 was required in respect of the planned housing development in Kells, which would add approximately 3-4 months to the overall timeframe. Councillors referred to the need to consider the old sewerage works on the site and the access road as identified in the development plan.

4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road



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Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2016. (See below)

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

4.2.2 To receive an update on the proposed one-way traffic management system in Kells town.

The proposal, and associated report, was outlined by Nicholas Whyatt, Transportation Department. The key elements of the plan, the monitoring arrangements and consultation were outlined.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Loss of parking and retention of loading bays – it was confirmed that no loss of parking was planned at the moment and that loading bays would be available.
- The preference for ensuring that the pedestrian junctions work well.
- The provision of street furniture and planting on Cross Street during the closure and the need to consult with the Older Peoples Forum/Active Retirement Group in relation to this and feedback on the trial – it was confirmed that planting would be provided.
- The possible relocation of the replica cross from the Heritage Centre to Cross Street for the trial.
- The possibility of holding an event on Cross Street during its closure – it was pointed out that traders did not support this.
- The congestion possible at Kenlis Place and the possibility of amending the system if problems emerge during week one – it was pointed out that the HGV ban will be in place, that two lanes will be available and that this will depend on driver behaviour. It was also pointed out that junctions will be manned to resolve issues arising.



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- The review of the trial and responsibility for decisions to be taken subsequently – it was confirmed that an independent survey company would be on site to get feedback and the traders were likely to undertake their own surveys, following which a report would be presented to Kells Municipal District.

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

The report had been circulated in advance and was noted.

4.3 Planning

4.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estates 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.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** not to take Townparks Manor in charge. It was confirmed that this item would now be removed from the agenda and that the developer would be formally notified of the decision.

- Westfield Estate, Kells, Co. Meath.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

4.1 Corporate Services

4.1.1 To receive an update on Kells Heritage Centre.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and delivered a verbal update to the meeting, which included an outline of works being undertaken in the large rooms downstairs for use as



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exhibition space, confirmation that the works would be completed in time for use during the Hay Festival and planned use during August and September. It was also confirmed that, at this time, there was no available office space and that applications for use of the exhibition space should be submitted to Corporate Services. Whilst there would be no rental charge, successful applicants would have to provide their own staff, equipment and insurance. In response to queries raised, it was confirmed that the building and roof were structurally sound but that, due to being idle for so long, the remaining interior space required considerable work.

Councillors welcomed the return of the centre to public use.

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

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

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

- 8.1 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

- 8.1.1 Update on the public lighting issue in Ballinlough – following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**, to allocate the public lighting funding to



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complete the lighting upgrade at the junction in Ballinlough on the understanding that such a decision would not create a precedent and that all groups understand that where public works are planned on public property, that they must consult with the Council in advance. It was agreed that the Community Department would be requested to ensure that all groups registered on the PPN would be made aware of this requirement.

8.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

8.2.1 The possibility of removing the speed signs on narrow lanes, where the existing speed limit is not appropriate to the width of the roadway – it was pointed out that speed signs were required to indicate a change of speed limit, for example when leaving a 50km zone and that a national review of speed limits was underway. Councillor Gilroy was asked to submit details of the location and it would be checked.

8.2.2 Update on the NTA position on the location of the bus stop in Athboy and the need for a derogation in relation to Bus Éireann's position on the requirement to have on-street bus stops.

8.3 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

8.3.1 Update on the supply of water from Clavins Bridge – it was agreed to request an update from Irish Water.

8.3.2 Confirmation that the NTA had agreed to fund a bus stop at the primary care centre on the Navan Road – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning & Design for an update.

8.4 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

8.4.1 Update on the works at the junction in Gibbstown – it was confirmed that an application had been made to Transportation Planning & Design for inclusion under the Low Cost Safety Scheme for 2017 and that a response was awaited.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach