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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 20th July 2015, Kells Civic Offices

An Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Councillor David Gilroy**, presided.

Councillors Present: Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, Johnny Guirke, Sarah Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Bryan Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Senior Executive Officer: Michael Griffin

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Fiona Beers

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Kevin Stewart, Director of Services

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 15th June 2015.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th June 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Sharon Keogan on the death of her father, Seán Keogan;
- Catherine O'Reilly on the death of her sister, Sheila Farrell.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Those involved in the Hay Festival;
- Those involved in the Moylagh JFK 50km Challenge, who raised €90,000 for charity.

4 To receive a presentation from Kells Order of Malta.

Collette Lynch attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the Kells Order of Malta, including its background, services, courses provided and funding. An Open Day is being organised in the coming month and Councillors were asked to show their support.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Collette for attending and for her presentation and complimented all involved in the Kells Order of Malta for the impressive work undertaken, all on a voluntary basis.

5 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

Councillor Johnny Guirke referred to a number of potential issues in relation to this matter and it was agreed to defer this item to the September meeting.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Corporate Services

- 6.1.1 To receive an update on the Municipal District Members Discretionary Fund.



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A report was circulated at the meeting, indicating the allocations made to date by Kells Municipal District Councillors. Councillors were reminded that applications should be submitted no later than 30th September, otherwise allocations would be deferred to 2016.

6.2 Planning

6.2.1 To receive an update on the taking in charge of Townspark Manor, Kells.

Michael Griffin confirmed that the contractor had made contact with both residents and the Cathaoirleach, that further works were to be undertaken and that this item would be considered again in September.

6.3 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The proposed delay until after April 2017 in installing traffic calming measures, including ramps, in housing estates – it was confirmed that the review of speed limits in estates, required by the Department of Transportation by April 2017, was a significant body of work and that no funding for works had yet been allocated but that draft bye-laws would be brought to Councillors for discussion.
- The quality of road resurfacing works carried out by contractors – it was confirmed that the contractor had committed to undertaking works as per the snag list.
- The need to keep Councillors informed of plans regarding the implementation and/or deferral of the one-way traffic system – it was confirmed that the issues raised at the recent public meeting were being considered and a response being developed as the basis for moving this initiative forward with an update to be provided to



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Councillors at the September municipal district meeting, if not before.

- The possibility of extending the trial period for the parking initiative – it was confirmed that the review of the trial was to be completed by the end of July.
- The need to progress the motion agreed at the June meeting for the development of a town design statement for Kells and the possibility of holding a public meeting to get views on a vision for the town.
- An update on the works planned for Headfort Bridge – it was confirmed that the design was still being undertaken and that the bridge was being monitored for any defects.
- The allocation to be made to roads in Kells Municipal District from the additional €1million government allocation – the process for deciding on the allocation was outlined and that Councillors would be notified of the allocations when decided.
- Councillors were informed that a road closure will be required on the N51 junction with the R164, as works commence in August.

6.3.2 Notification of Part 8 process to carry out bridge rehabilitation works on the Owenroe Bridge on the N52 at Carlanstown, Kells.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation attended the meeting and provided information to Councillors on the planned works.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The road closures arising from the works – it was confirmed that this had not yet been decided;
- The need to minimise the impact on local businesses and residents;
- The possibility of diverting traffic away from the village – it was confirmed that the NRA did not currently have any plans for this.



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7 Notice of Question

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew

“Has the NTA made contact with Meath County Council regarding the provision of a bus stop at the new Kells Primary Care Centre on the Navan Road and if so have the Council examined the suitability of the location as a set down and pick up point?”

Response:

The NTA has been in contact with Meath County Council regarding this issue as the matter had apparently been raised directly with the NTA by a third party.

They were informed that the bus bay was not included in the planning application and that Meath County Council had no plans to provide one.

This is a new facility which is not completed yet. There is no room for a stop at this location without removing the wall and possibly some of the cemetery wall also. It would also most likely entail purchase of land on the opposite side for pick up/set down. We will bring this matter up with the NTA at our next meeting with them.

The response was noted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“How many new bus shelters have been erected in the Kells Municipal District in the last five years and their locations?”

Response:

In the past five years, two shelters were erected in Kells MD at Headfort Place and Silver Tankard.

The response was noted.

8 Notice of Motion



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8.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That the Executive write to the NTA and Bus Éireann requesting that they prioritise the erection of bus shelters at Carnaross and Kilmainham, Kells, when formulating their next list of approved bus shelter works.”

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

The provision of bus stop shelters is not the remit of Meath County Council. It is a decision made by the bus service providers based on route frequency and passenger numbers, etc. at each stop and any request for same should be forwarded for their attention.

Meath County Council has not in the past provided a bus shelter nor has the National Transport Authority funded any. This is normally a matter between the bus operator and the shelter provider.

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

“That the Executive write to Bus Éireann requesting that they prioritise the erection of bus shelters along the 109 route, when formulating their next list of approved bus shelter works.”

It was agreed to extend an invitation to the Services Manager, Bus Éireann to a meeting of Kells Municipal District to discuss issues relating to bus routes in the district.

The amended motion was adopted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in response to Item 6.1 of the June meeting - Notice of Question, requesting disposal of lands behind the Swimming Pool in Kells to the 5th Meath Kells Scouts.

The correspondence was noted.



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10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

- 10.1.1 An update on the installation of fencing around the play area in the Bridgewater estate, Kells – it was confirmed that a costing had been received and the works were to proceed.
- 10.1.2 Complaints received around possible pollution in Lough Ramor and the impact on the water supply to Kells – it was agreed to refer this to the Water Services Section.
- 10.1.3 That an update on the Kells playground be provided at the September meeting – it was agreed to refer this to the Community Department.

10.2 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

- 10.2.1 The need for signage at Cruicetown Cemetery, Kilbeg.
- 10.2.2 The need for Housing to take enforcement action in respect of anti-social, and possibly criminal, behaviour in Senator Farrelly Avenue, Kilmainhamwood – it was agreed to refer this to the Housing Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach