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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 17th July, 2017, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor David Gilroy**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Barry Lynch

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, Claire King, Meeting Administrator

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 19th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 19th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Carlanstown group who fought against the wind turbine in the area.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 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:

- Section of road collapsing on the R165 at Gypsum – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation with a view to carrying out remedial works to resolve the situation.
 - Excess material gathered around the bottle banks at the Swimming Pool. It was requested that they be cleaned up before the schools re-open.
- 4.1.2 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.2) 2017, subject to there being no objection from An Garda Síochána on or before the 27th July 2017.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To agree the design of the Memorial Bench.



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Councillor David Gilroy confirmed that he and Councillor Bryan Reilly met Ann Grimes, the widow of the late Tommy Grimes, and discussed the proposed bench. Following the exploration of a number of avenues, they felt it would be fitting to combine a memorial bench with something else that is very important to Kells and its past links, and hopefully the future re-establishment of links, with Iona and the twinning between Kells and Iona, for which the late Tommy Grimes was a great Ambassador.

It was agreed that the bench be erected to mark the re-establishment of the twinning and to recognise the past work of the late Tommy Grimes. The following wording was also agreed for the bench:-

“In recognition of the historic links that exist between Kells and Iona and the development and promotion of these links by the late Councillor Tommy Grimes”.

It was also agreed that Councillors take a trip to Oban in Iona within the year to re-establish links.

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

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

5 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 5.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 15th June 2017.

The report was noted.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.



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7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke

“That Meath County Council would explore the possibility of upgrading the junction at Cross Street/John Street, making it safer for motorists and pedestrians.”

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

Following the trial of the one-way system in 2016, the NTA have provided a small allocation in 2017 to look at reconfiguring junctions in Kells to make them more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. This includes the Cross Street/Market Street/John Street/Castle Street junction. MDM Consulting Engineers have been engaged to carry out this work which will be completed before the end of the year.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillors Johnny Guirke and Michael Gallagher

“We call on Meath County Council to undertake a drainage and rainwater system survey as soon as possible in Kells Business Park.”

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

Meath County Council will review the storm water drainage system in Kells Business Park to identify any risk of the discharge of contaminated water into the Blackwater River.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.



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A short discussion followed and it was agreed to request an update on the meeting held between Meath County Council, Cavan County Council and the EPA to discuss the treatment plant in Virginia and if an upgrade was agreed and a timeframe for same.

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Antoinette Tyrrell, Events Manager, Ervia re attending a tour and photo opportunity at the recently upgraded Kells/Oldcastle Water Treatment Plant.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed to contact Antoinette Tyrrell and advise that Councillors are unavailable on this date and request that she reschedule to another date to provide an opportunity for Councillors to attend.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:-
- 9.1.1 Funding has been allocated for the Community House under the Capital Investment Programme for next year. She asked that, prior to any design or layout for the works, that members be consulted and provided with an update as a request has gone to the Community Department regarding the possible use of the Community House for a Youth Cafe – it was pointed out that a new engineer has been appointed to the Community Department to advance certain projects which includes establishing the best use for the Community House in Kells.
- 9.1.2 Upgrading the first floor of Kells Library – it was confirmed that Facilities Management are looking after Kells Library and works are due to commence soon.
- 9.1.3 Concerns of residents in Bloomsbury regarding the volume of HGVs accessing the road. The Road Safety Officer had previously looked at weight restrictions on the bridge and an update was sought on this or other solutions to the



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problem – it was advised that the road is being underlaid at present, a speed analysis had been carried out on the road with average speeds of 54 kmph. Following the overlay, another speed analysis could be carried out and appropriate traffic management measures considered if there is an issue with speeding.

9.2 Councillor Bryan Reilly raised the following issues:-

9.2.1 Replacement of footpaths at O’Growney Terrace – it was pointed out that there is a serious issue with replacing the footpaths as the walls were built on the existing footpath. This would involve removing the wall, for which permission would be required from owners. It was asked if a leaflet drop could be sent to residents notifying them of the situation.

9.3 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:-

9.3.1 A meeting has been organised between Councillors and residents, who have concerns regarding the proposed new housing development and the possibility of an official attending this meeting - it was advised that when the Part 8 report is prepared, it will be brought to the next meeting of Kells Municipal District and Councillors can raise any concerns they have at that point.

9.3.2 Asked if the Taxi Rank is proceeding as Vintners have requested it be located on Farrell Street - it was agreed that Transportation would be asked to hold off on the draft wording of the Taxi Rank Bye Laws until Councillors have met with the Vintners and revert back with proposed locations.

9.4 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:-

9.4.1 Requested an update as to when works are to commence on the Watermains Rehabilitation Programme.

9.4.2 Requested a reminder letter issue to HSE regarding the high level of incidents of cancer in the area around Fr. McCullen Park and the northern end of the town.

9.4.3 Welcomed the works at Headfort Bridge and asked if the bridge would be closed for any period during these works - it was agreed to refer this to



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- 9.4.4 Dumping issue at the rear of No. 15 Carrick Street, Kells resulting in rodent infestation – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.
- 9.4.5 Asked if the Council would proceed to acquiring the derelict vacant house at No. 17 St Colmcille's Villas. Steps had been taken previously to acquire this property but were never finalised.
- 9.4.6 Sought clarification that the works taking place at Bective Square are in compliance with their planning conditions – it was agreed to refer this to the Planning Department.
- 9.5 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:-
 - 9.5.1 Issue with Travellers who have moved into the car park at Loughbracken Lake - it was agreed to check ownership of these lands.
 - 9.5.2 The possibility of installing CCTV on Maudlin Street following recent incidents of vandalism to cars.
- 9.6 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:-
 - 9.6.1 Ragwort infestation in the river at Ballyfallon Bridge, Athboy – it was agreed to refer this to Aoife McGrath, Community Water Officer, Local Authorities Waters & Communities Office (LAWCO)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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