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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 19th September 2016, Kells Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Eugene Cassady, 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

Apologies: Fiona Beers, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th July, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th July 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Oldcastle 1916 Commemorative Group on the plaque erected on Main Street;



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- Athboy Twinning Group on their recent exchange visit to Picardy, France.

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

- 4.1 This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.
- 4.2 This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.
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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Community

- 5.1.1 To consider applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Barry Lynch, Director of Service, Community Department attended the meeting and outlined the key elements of the scheme, including the funding available, and the projects being proposed for Kells Municipal District.

Following a discussion on the list of proposed projects, it was unanimously agreed to apply for funding in 2016 for the Greenway Villages Project with the Cavan Street, Oldcastle footpath improvement works identified as a Priority 2 project.

5.2 Corporate Services

- 5.2.1 To receive a report on the proposed Protocol for Twinning Arrangements.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation, which outlined the key elements of the proposed Protocol.

A short discussion took place on the benefits of twinning initiatives, particularly when community-led, for example Athboy.



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

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

Councillors were reminded of the deadlines that apply to applications for internal and external allocations and the relevant terms of the Protocol.

5.3 Transportation

- 5.3.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law statutory process.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department, confirmed that the draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No. 1) 2016 had been on public display from 05th July to 05th August and no objections had been received in relation to the proposed document. It was now proposed that the draft Bye-Law be submitted to the full council meeting in October for formal ratification.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“What is the plan for the Community House in Kells and what is the prospect of acquiring funding to make it a functional facility?”

Response:



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There are a number of options currently being considered for the Community House in Kells. When the feasibility of these options is considered, a proposal will be presented to the Municipal District Members. It is anticipated that this process will be complete in 2017.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

"To request Meath County Council to perform a rate of compliance review on the double yellow lines recently laid in Oldcastle town."

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

There currently aren't sufficient in-house resources available to carry out a compliance review, as a meaningful review would necessitate monitoring over several days. Neither is there any allocation in this year's budgets for the carrying out of parking compliance reviews in Oldcastle. However, if funding is allocated in the future, it may be possible to carry out compliance testing at the new double yellow lines in Oldcastle in conjunction with testing that is carried out from time to time in the towns that have paid parking.

Prohibitions on parking are set out in the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2012, with specific reference to double yellow lines in Section 36(2)(a). An Garda Síochána have the power to issue fines for parking on double yellow lines.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

"That CCTV cameras be installed at the the new Fairgreen Playground in Kells."



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

The installation of CCTV at a playground can be of benefit in the monitoring of the playground. However, compliance with Data Protection Legislation is a legal requirement and in this regard, several protocols and procedures must be established prior to its installation. With the review of the Meath County Council Play Policy commencing in early October, the installation of CCTV will be considered in this context. It should also be noted that costs associated with CCTV, both installation and ongoing maintenance, can be substantial and would have to be considered as part of the budget process.

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

The motion was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in response to Item 6.2 Notice of Motion from the July meeting re the roll out of the National Broadband Plan as it relates to County Meath.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from the Ambassador of France to Ireland in response to the Notice of Item 3 - Sympathy Letter from July meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from An Garda Síochána in response to the Notice of Item 8.1.1 from July meeting re new playground at the Fairgreen.

The correspondence was noted. It was pointed out that the incidents of anti-social behaviour seemed to have abated and that no further complaints had been received.

- 8.4 Correspondence received from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Regional



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Development, Rural Affairs, Arts and the Gaeltacht inviting representatives to address the Committee on the topic 'Regional Development and the provision of Infrastructure in rural areas'.

The correspondence was noted. The submission prepared had been circulated to Councillors by email earlier.

- 8.5 Correspondence received from the Department of Education and Skills acknowledging the request for an update on the site for the Scouts Group in Kells.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

9.1.1 The recent changes made to Bus Éireann services on the M3 Corridor and the lack of information provided to service users on these changes – it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** to write to Bus Éireann requesting information on the statutory, or otherwise, communication requirements relating to changes to public bus routes.

- 9.2 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Requested that Ballinacree Community Association be facilitated in making a presentation to the October meeting – this was agreed.

- 9.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Issues regarding landowners failing to cut hedges and the enforcement process that applies – the process was outlined.

9.3.2 The next steps following the one-way system trial in Kells – it was confirmed that a lot of information, both feedback and technical information, had been gathered over the five week trial and that a report and recommendations would be presented to Kells Municipal District in due course. The executive thanked



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everyone for their patience during the trial and pointed out that feedback to date indicated both positive and negative experiences. It was also requested that all relevant groups be consulted as part of the review of the trial and this was agreed.

9.3.3 Plans for the old waterworks – it was agreed to check this.

9.4 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

9.4.1 The need to enforce the HGV ban – it was confirmed that letters would issue requesting compliance and, if the problem persisted, the Gardaí would be requested to intervene.

9.4.2 The issues facing tractors and agricultural contractors accessing Kilmainham from the town but not permitted to use the motorway – it was suggested that Gardaí be asked for advice on dealing with this.

9.4.3 The possibility of erecting a sign indicating the location of the 1916 Commemorative Garden.

9.4.4 The timescale for the erection of the lights in Ballinlough – it was confirmed that this was progressing and would be completed before the end of the year.

9.5 Councillor Eugene Cassidy raised the following issue:

9.5.1 The material remaining at Emlagh Bog following the departure of a Traveller group who had been there for the summer, the issues experienced by local residents and landowners and the possibility of prevent future access – it was confirmed that a letter had issued to the Gardaí in early September formally requesting that the group be moved on and that the situation was under review until the group had fully left the area. It was also pointed out that any physical barrier would move the issue on elsewhere.

9.6 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:

9.6.1 Update on the implementation of safety measures at Rathmore N.S. and the funding allocated for same – it was pointed out that issues relating to the land acquisition had delayed these works. It was suggested that the school principal



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be contacted and requested to provide suggestions on how this can be progressed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach