



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Kells Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 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:** Kevin Stewart

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The families of those who died yesterday as a result of Storm Ophelia.

Congratulations were extended to:



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- Meath Hill GFC on winning the Junior Championships;
- All involved in securing funding for north Meath under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme;
- Meath County Council staff, including the outdoor staff, communications staff and fire service, and all other agencies and utility providers in dealing with the impact of Storm Ophelia.
- Donnacha Maguire on being appointed to the position of Vice-President, PDFORRA.

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

- 4.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

- 5.1.1 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:

- Acknowledged the work being undertaken.
- Responsibility for the hedge bordering the schools campus – it was agreed to check this.
- The timeframe for the issuing of hedge cutting notices – it was pointed out that, as the season had just started, landowners would be given time to cut hedges with the exception of instances where hedges had not been cut in some time and for which notices would be served in the coming weeks.



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### **5.2 Planning**

5.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.

- Cloran Court, Athboy.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

- Ardfrail Court/Ardfrail Close Oldcastle.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

### **5.3 Corporate Services**

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

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

## **6 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes**

6.1 To note the report from the Environment and Emergency SPC meeting of 27th September 2017.

The report was noted.



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6.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The report was noted.

### **7 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **8 Notice of Motion**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

“That Kells Municipal District holds a civic reception for Moynalty Tidy Towns to honour their continued success in the Tidy Towns Competition.”

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

*If this motion is adopted, the proposal will be brought to the next meeting of the Protocol Committee for consideration. Following this, if this proposal is approved, a commemoration will be organised for a date and time to be decided in consultation with the Members of Kells Municipal District.*

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

A short discussion followed where the improved performances of all Tidy Towns groups in north Meath this year were acknowledged. The impact of derelict sites and buildings was raised, with particular reference to sites in Drumconrath and Oldcastle.

The motion was adopted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.



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### **10 Any Other Business**

#### **10.1 Town & Village Renewal Scheme:**

Kevin Stewart referred to the €100,000 allocation made to the proposed projects in Kells under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and the need to decide how this allocation would be best spent. Following a short discussion, it was unanimously agreed to progress the Sawmills Project (€143,000) and to extend the footpath to the GAA pitch (€25,000), at a total cost of €168,000, of which €100,000 had been granted as part of the Scheme, €21,500 was being provided as an in-kind contribution by Kells Local Heroes and the balance of €46,500 would form the local contribution, to be sourced from different Council budget headings. It was pointed out that efforts would be made to source alternative funding for the other proposed projects, including the pedestrian crossing at Rockfield and other footpath works.

It was confirmed that projects must be completed by the end of June 2018.

It was agreed to circulate information on the breakdown of costs for the Sawmills Project and to provide further information on how the allocation is administered.

Councillors welcomed the recent investment announcements benefitting Kells and north Meath, including the Fáilte Ireland grant for the Heritage Centre.

#### **10.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:**

10.2.1 Requested an update on the memorial bench – it was confirmed that it was now installed and that the official unveiling was taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

10.2.2 Requested that a representative from Bus Éireann be invited to the November municipal district meeting to discuss issues relating to local bus services, including Routes 111, 111X and the 109 routes, which were unreliable with no communications on service disruptions and no means of making complaints.

10.2.3 Requested an update on the illegal halting site at Kilkeelin and confirmed that he had made a complaint to the Environment Section on this matter.

#### **10.3 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:**



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10.3.1 Requested an update on the policy being developed on public lighting – it was confirmed that a draft policy had been presented to the Transportation SPC with a revised draft due to be discussed at the next SPC meeting.

10.4 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

10.4.1 Queried as to whether a response had been received from the Minister for Transport to previous meeting requests – it was confirmed that no response had yet been received and that a reminder letter had issued in September.

10.5 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

10.5.1 Welcomed the works in Ballinlough but requested that a white line be marked on the bends – it was pointed out that whilst there was no funding allocation for road restoration, it was agreed to review this location.

10.5.2 Queried as to whether the Council had any authority over the existing Eureka building – it was agreed to check this.

10.5.3 Asked that the HSE be requested to secure the old HSE building and grounds, which was attracting anti-social behaviour.

10.6 Councillor Eugene Cassidy raised the following issue:

10.6.1 Requested an update on the junction on the Moynalty/Mullagh Road – it was confirmed that signage would be installed this week.

10.7 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

10.7.1 The possibility of the old HSE building being acquired for community purposes – a short discussion followed on the issues relating to the site and building, the suitability of both for the needs of the community and the challenges in delivering such a facility. It was agreed to make enquiries as to the current status of the site.

10.7.2 Requested that a letter issue to the Bank of Ireland requesting that the ATM on The Square, Oldcastle be upgraded and/or another ATM be installed due to the unreliability of the current facility.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**